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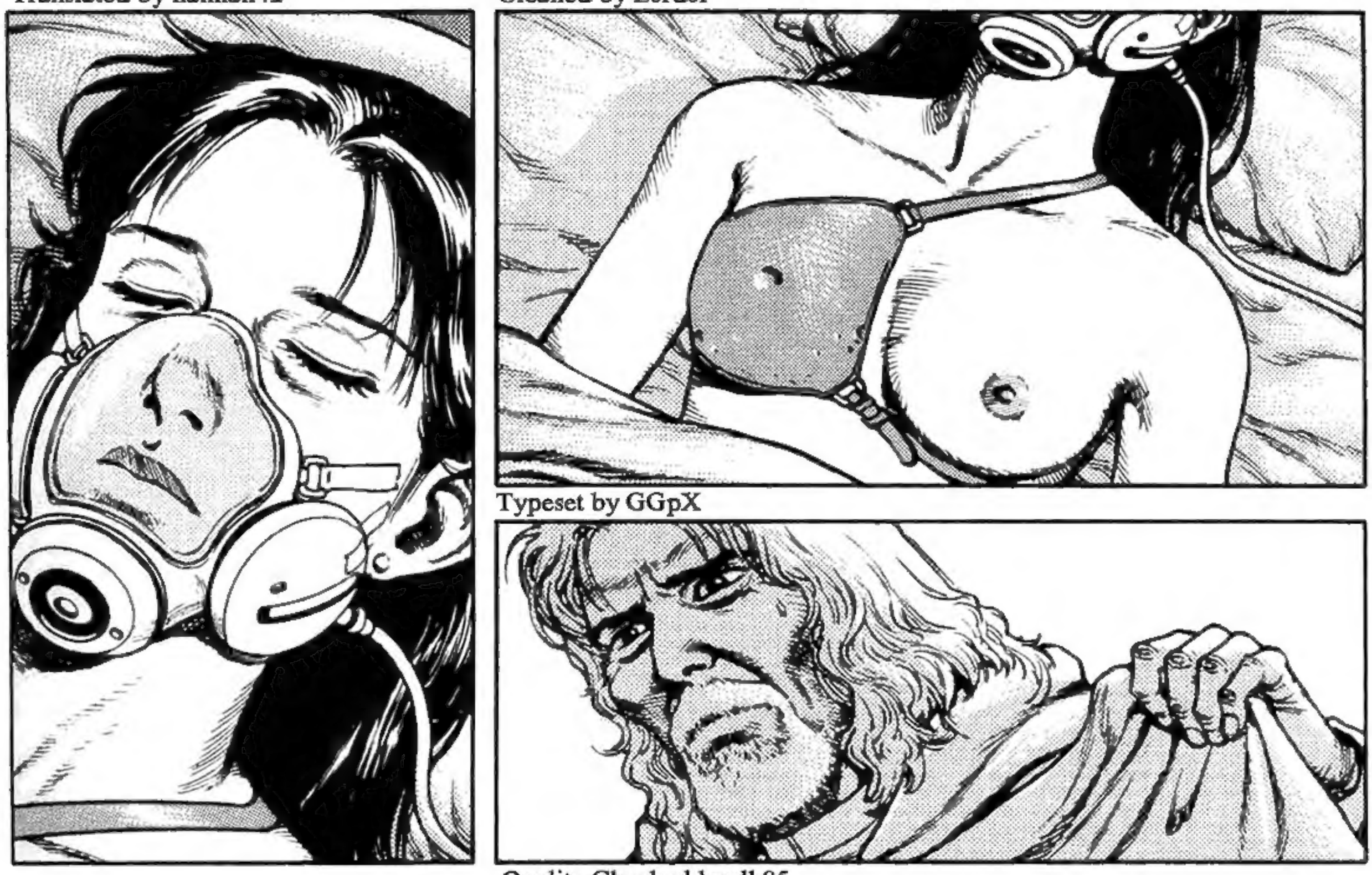
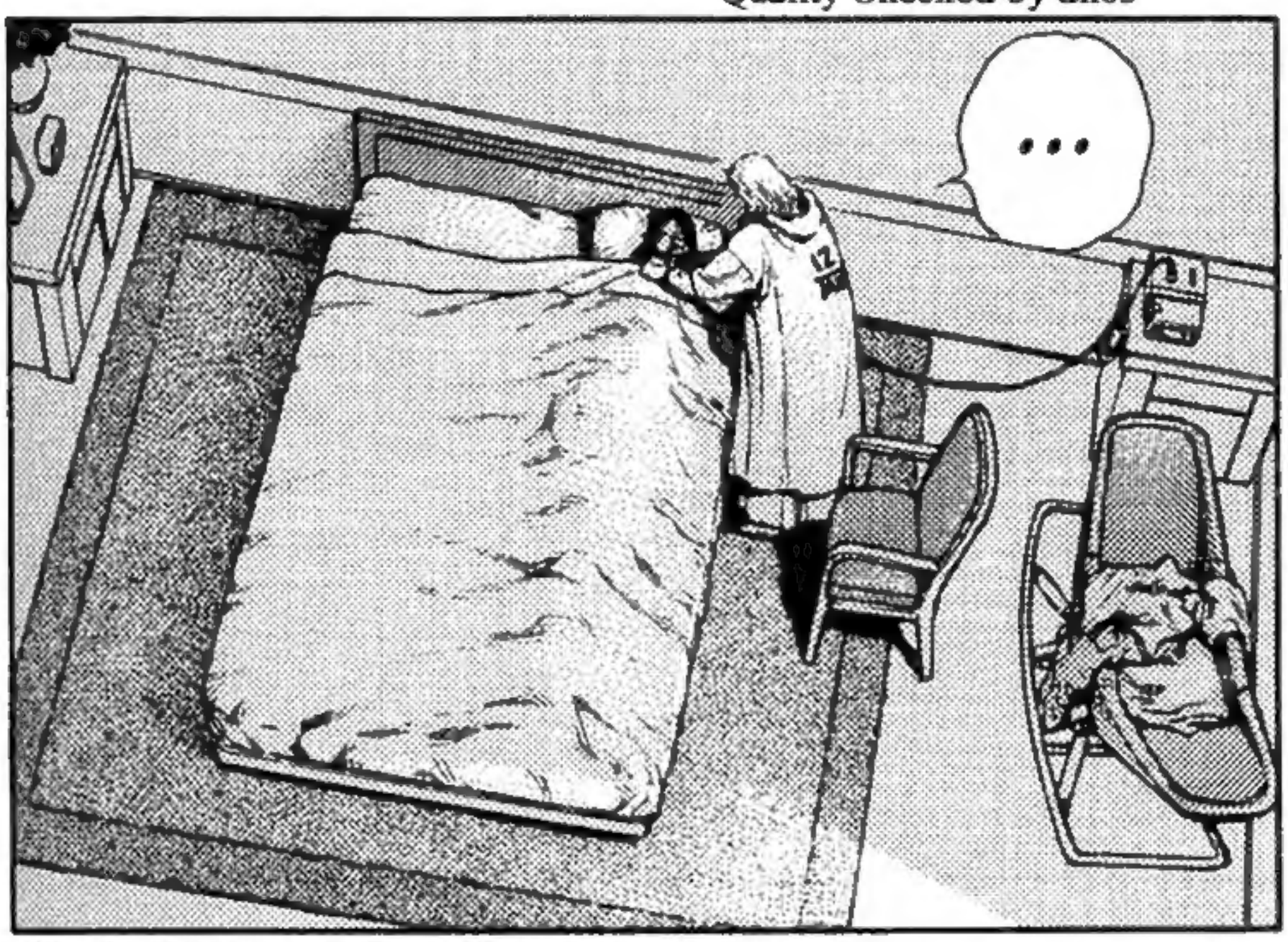
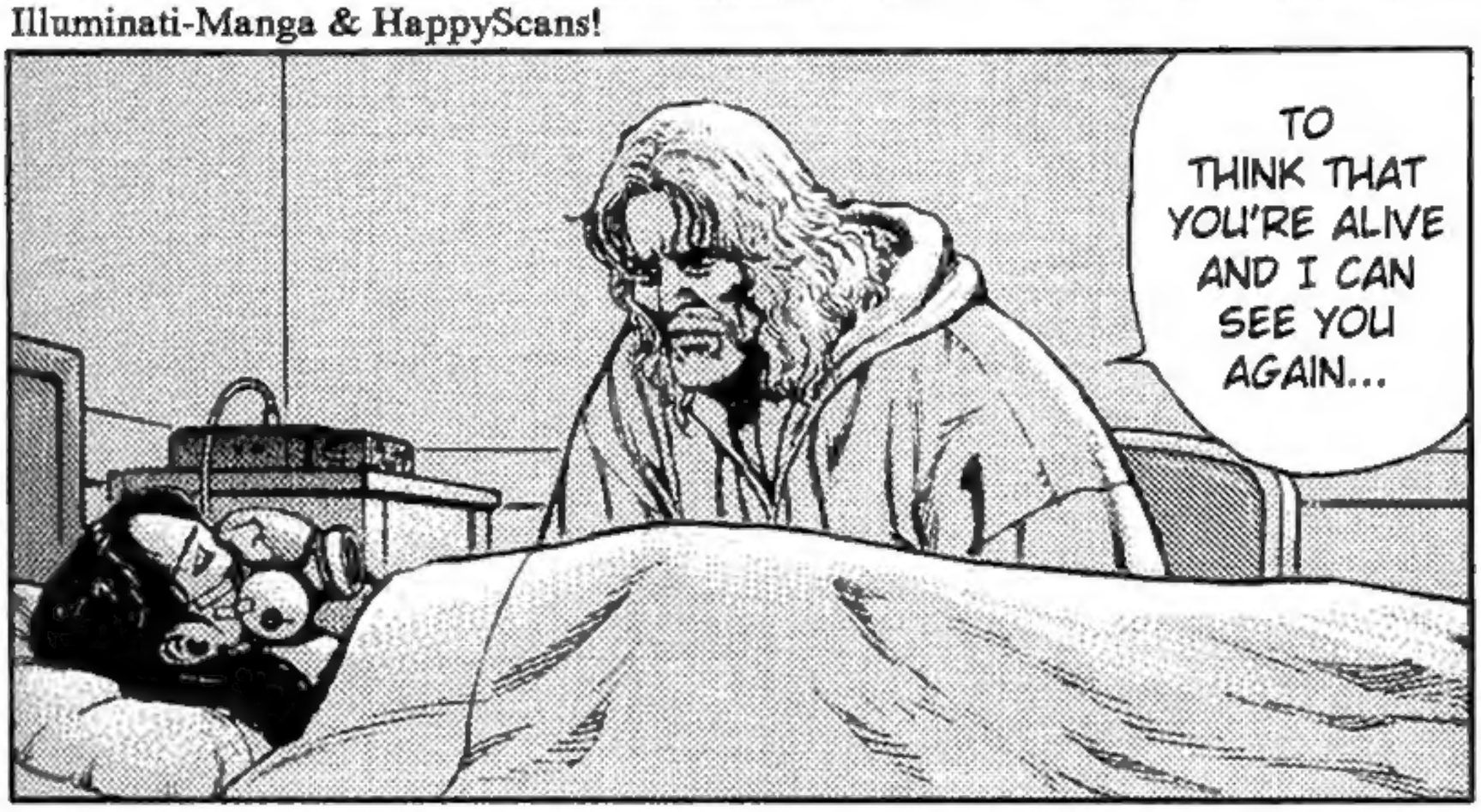




Illuminati-Manga & HappyScans!



FROM NOW ON I'D LOVE TO BE BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER, BUT...

UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF YOUR HEART.

I BARELY EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO APPRECIATE THIS MOMENT ...

I LOVE YOU, SARAH.

REST YOURSELF.

SHAA...

PSHHH

PASH!

PSHH

MEETING ROOM

AH, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, BARD.

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ME

SORRY FOR BEING LATE.

BARD! I AM...

SO HAPPY FOR YOU!

THANK YOU, ASSYRE.

CLAC

THESE DAYS, ESPECIALLY IN THIS WORLD, BEING ABLE TO FIND YOUR FAMILY IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE.

YOU CAN NEVER GIVE UP HOPE!

EVEN IF IT'S LIKE A VERY DIM LIGHT...

CONGRA-TULATIONS, BARD!

THANK YOU, FORM!

AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FROM THE COMMITTEE.

I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR LETTING ME CHOOSE THIS REGION FROM THE MANY DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES...

AND I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR IT.

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT WE'RE WISHING GOOD LUCK TO...

WE WERE ALSO HOPING FOR A MIRACLE TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS UNKNOWN AREA.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ULKS.

THE VOLCANIC ASH SOIL IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

IT'S A RICH SOIL WITH COUNTLESS VARIETIES OF BACTERIA...

IN A SINGULAR ENVIRONMENT, WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF OTHER GENES.

WELL...

I'VE FINISHED THE REPORT ABOUT THE DAMAGES SUFFERED.

TRUSTING THE DATA, THE EXACT FIGURES INDICATE...

THAT THE DAMAGES COME UP TO 75% OF THOSE PREDICTED, WHICH COULD BE CALLED A SUCCESS.

WHAT ABOUT CONTACT WITH THE OTHER COLONIES, MONROUGE?

UNITED ORBIT 22 SPREAD ITS SEEDS BEFORE PLUNGING INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO!

70% OF THE COLONY'S INTERIOR IS FLOODED, BUT IT'S CALM NOW.

THE U-018 LANDED GENTLY AND SUCCESSFULLY IN THE ALTAI MOUNTAINS, WEST OF MONGOLIA.

IT IS FAR REMOVED FROM ITS DESTINATION AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF ITS DAMAGES.

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE U-041, WHICH FELL IN INDIANAPOLIS IN NORTH AMERICA, HAS SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE!

WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE REPORT ON ITS STATUS.

THE U-07, THAT FELL IN TURIN, FAILED IN LANDING.

WE WILL BECOME THE GRAINS OF EARTH, AND WE WILL LIVE FOREVER.

ASSYRE! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE SENTIMENTAL! IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!

WE NEED TO TURN THE PAGE TO THE NEXT PART OF OUR STORY.

TO DO THAT, WE NEED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

IT SEEMS THAT THE OPERATION TO NEUTRALIZE THE OXYGEN CONCENTRATION AND ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF THE SHIP'S INTERIOR WILL TAKE LONGER THAN FIRST PREDICTED.

THE BURDEN OF GRAVITY IS HAVING A LARGER EFFECT THAN PREDICTED.

ROWLAN ...

...WHAT ABOUT THE CAMOU-FLAGE OF THE SPECIMENS?

IT'S PERFECT!

IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DISCOVER THEM AT THIS STAGE IN THE GROUND FACILITIES.

IF WE EXAMINE THE GENES OF THOSE THAT HAVE SPROUTED, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT...

WITH FERTILIZER AND WATER, TYPICALLY...

SOME TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

HOW LONG DO THEY TAKE TO GERMINATE?

HMM...

I WONDER HOW FAR THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL ADVANCE IN THE MEANTIME...

ELI!

HOW IS THE INTERVIEW WITH THE MEMBERS OF ***M.E.*** THAT ARE GATHERED OUTSIDE?

I'M IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT AT FIXED HOURS WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, MUSSADI.

AND WE'RE PLACING ORGANIZERS IN THE SURROUNDING CITIES TO PROMOTE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

IN ANY CASE, WE MUST HURRY!

IT WILL BE LESS DIFFICULT THAN WE HAD PREDICTED TO GET ENOUGH INFLUENCE UPON THE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT.

PERHAPS TIME IS OUR TRUE ENEMY!

THANKS TO THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE THIS FALL, THEY'VE PASSED A PROPOSAL ON PERSONNEL REDUCTION AND FREEZING THE ADMISSION OF NEW SOLDERS FOR BOTH ARMIES, M.E. AND EPOCH!

NEW UNITED NATION RAPID REACTION FORCE

IN PLACE OF THEM, THE PEACE CONFERENCE HAS ESTABLISHED AN EMERGENCY PROTECTION ARMY...

NEW UNITED NATION RAPID REACTION FORCE

...THAT WILL GUARD AND PROTECT THE AFFAIRS AND DECISIONS OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE, ASSISTING WITH ITS OPERATION...

IN ADDITION TO SAFEGUARDING AND AIDING ORDINARY CITIZENS IN CASE OF DISASTER.

DUE TO THE DESCENT OF THE COLONY, THEY'VE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND WE ARE PREPARING AN IMMEDIATE DRAFT.

THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERING TRANSITIONING INTO A PERMANENT MILITARY SERVICE!

FILL OUT THE NECESSARY POINTS AND TURN IT IN AT THE RECEPTION IN FRONT!

THERE ARE PENS ON THAT TABLE!

ARE THERE ANY CONDITIONS?

DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE?

NO...

THEN, YOU MARK IT IN THE PROPER AREA AND HAND IT TO THE RECEPTION!

NEXT!

WE WANT TO DRAW UPON YOUR POWER FOR THE NEW ORDER OF PEACE!

ITED NATION EACTION FORCE

YOU MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD TO REGISTER!

CRISS

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SHLAF

CAN YOU WRITE FOR ME?

YOU WANT A PEN?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WRITE!

SATOKO, PLEASE WAKE UP HARATO.

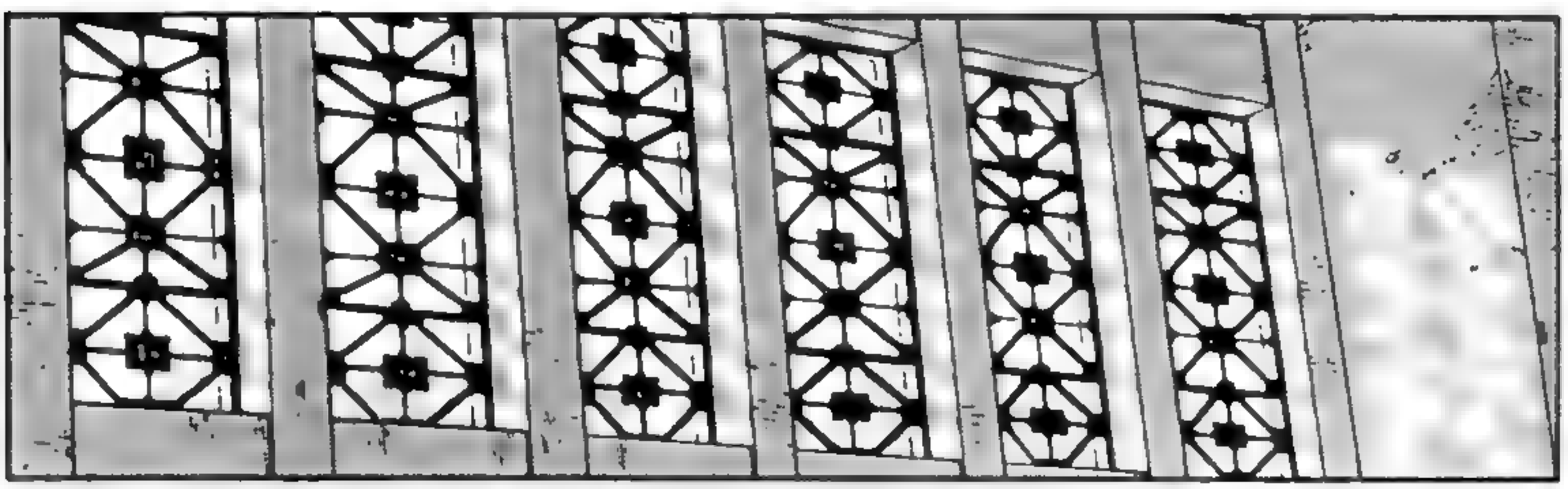
GOT IT, MOM! HEY, HARATO!

MOM, KAZUKI'S CRYING AGAIN!

TSUMUGI, COULD YOU PLEASE PASS THE SALT?

THANKS!

MOTHER
EARTH



THIS YEAR'S DECLINE IN THE PRODUCTION OF GRAINS WAS DUE TO A FAILURE TO IMPROVE THE LAND AND A DELAY IN THE COLLECTIVIZATION OF THE FARMS.

THE NUMBER OF PRODUCERS WHO ARE ABANDONING THEIR ESTATES AND BECOMING REFUGEES HAS...

ENOUGH ALREADY!

IN THESE CONDITIONS, IF WE SIT IN FAVOR OF THE NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT PLAN, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THEY'D BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US.

WHAT'S EPOCH'S SITUATION?

TAC

WE DON'T HAVE REPORTS ON WHAT THEY'VE RECOVERED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE FLOOD THAT SCOURGED MIDDLE ISLAND LAST YEAR.

THEIR TOTAL GRAIN PRODUCTION FOLLOWS A DESCENDING CURVE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

HAVE THEY ALREADY BEGUN TO WORK ON THEIR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX?

ALTHOUGH WE HAVEN'T CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION, IT'S RUMORED THAT THEY'VE ABANDONED THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

IF THE CONDITIONS DON'T SEEM VERY FAVORABLE TO US, THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR EPOCH! ON TOP OF THAT, THEY SEEM TO BE BLAMING THE WHOLE THING ON THEIR INTRACTABLE POLICY POSITIONS FROM THESE LAST FEW YEARS!

MAYBE THEY IMPOSED THIS COLONY PROBLEM UPON US TO GET THE NECESSARY TIME SO THAT THEY COULD FIX THINGS UP...

INDEED ...

THEY'VE GOT GUNS, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY BULLETS TO FIRE!

HMMM, THAT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME.

THE COLONY REQUESTS THAT YOU GO, COMMANDER HAMED.

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ME, IN PERSON?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH TIME IT WOULD TAKE JUST TO GET THERE?

WE'RE DEALING WITH AN INSTANT DECISION. IT'S A SMALL CONCESSION OR A CONCILIATORY MEASURE.

THINKING ABOUT IT LIKE THIS, IT COULD BE A GOOD PLAN.

BOTH THEIR ARMS AND THEIR CASH PROVE VERY ATTRACTIVE.

IF WE OVERCOME THAT DISADVANTAGE, WHEN WE ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, OUR VOICE WILL GAIN STRENGTH!

CONSIDER THE RISKS AS WELL.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT FROM LIEUTENANT TOMARU, IT SEEMS THAT THEY WEAR PRESSURIZED SUITS.

BECAUSE OF THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AND THE OXYGEN CONCENTRATION OF THEIR SHIP, THEY'LL STILL HAVE TO WASTE SOME TIME ACCLIMATING TO THE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT.

HMM...

IF WE PUNCTURE THE EXTERIOR WALL WITH A MISSILE STRIKE EXECUTED FROM A DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF THEIR LASER CANNONS, I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE EASY TO ATTACK THEM BY GROUND.

THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION...

MAKE THE PREPA-RATIONS!

UNDER-STOOD!

PEACE AND LOVE

TSUE'S STORE
TOWN OF THE FUTURE

LEAVE UNNECESSARY WEAPONS HERE

W-WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WHY DID YOU MAKE THIS FOLLY?

IT'S KINDA NORMAL, DONCHA THINK?

THE HOUSE WHERE THEY USED TO LIVE FELL JUST OVER THERE.

IT'S HUMAN NATURE THAT THEY WANT TO CHECK IT OUT.

BUT THEY STILL NEED TIME TO ACCLIMATE TO THE ENVIRONMENT...

THAT'S TRUE.

I GOT SICK MYSELF!

PEACE AND LOVE

TSUE'S STORE
TOWN OF THE FUTURE

LEAVE UNNECESSARY WEAPONS HERE

SHE'S ALREADY BEEN IN THERE FOR A LONG TIME.

I'M WORRIED SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HER!

OLD MAN, YOU'RE STILL COMMUNICATING WITH THEM, RIGHT?

COULD YOU TRY TO GET SOME INFORMATION?

I'LL TRY...

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WHOOPS, EXCUSE ME!

WELCOME!

TCI

YOU'RE IN TSUE'S STORE OF LOVE AND PEACE.

YOU CAN BUY WITH MONEY OR EXCHANGE FOR SOMETHING!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE INVESTIGATION SQUAD FROM THE PEACE CONFERENCE IS?

AWW, SHIT...

YOU AIN'T NO CUSTOMER!

IT'S JUST, I HAVE A FRIEND THERE.

IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME?

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, THEY WERE ON THE HILL TO THE WEST BURYING THOSE WHO DIED FROM THE COLONY'S BLAST.

YOU COULD GO LOOK OVER THERE.

OKAY, I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK.

CRISS

CRISS

FROM THIS POINT, WE'LL REACH THE UPPER SECTION.

IF WE USE THE OXYGEN MASKS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE, WE HAVE THREE HOURS TO ACT.

AND THE GROUND ISN'T FIRM, SO ABOVE ALL, WE MUST SECURE THE ROUTE.

THEY'VE SCHEDULED COMMANDER HAMED'S DEPARTURE!

WE WILL SECURE THE LASER CANNONS BEFORE HE ARRIVES.

UNDER-STOOD!?

YES, SIR!

...

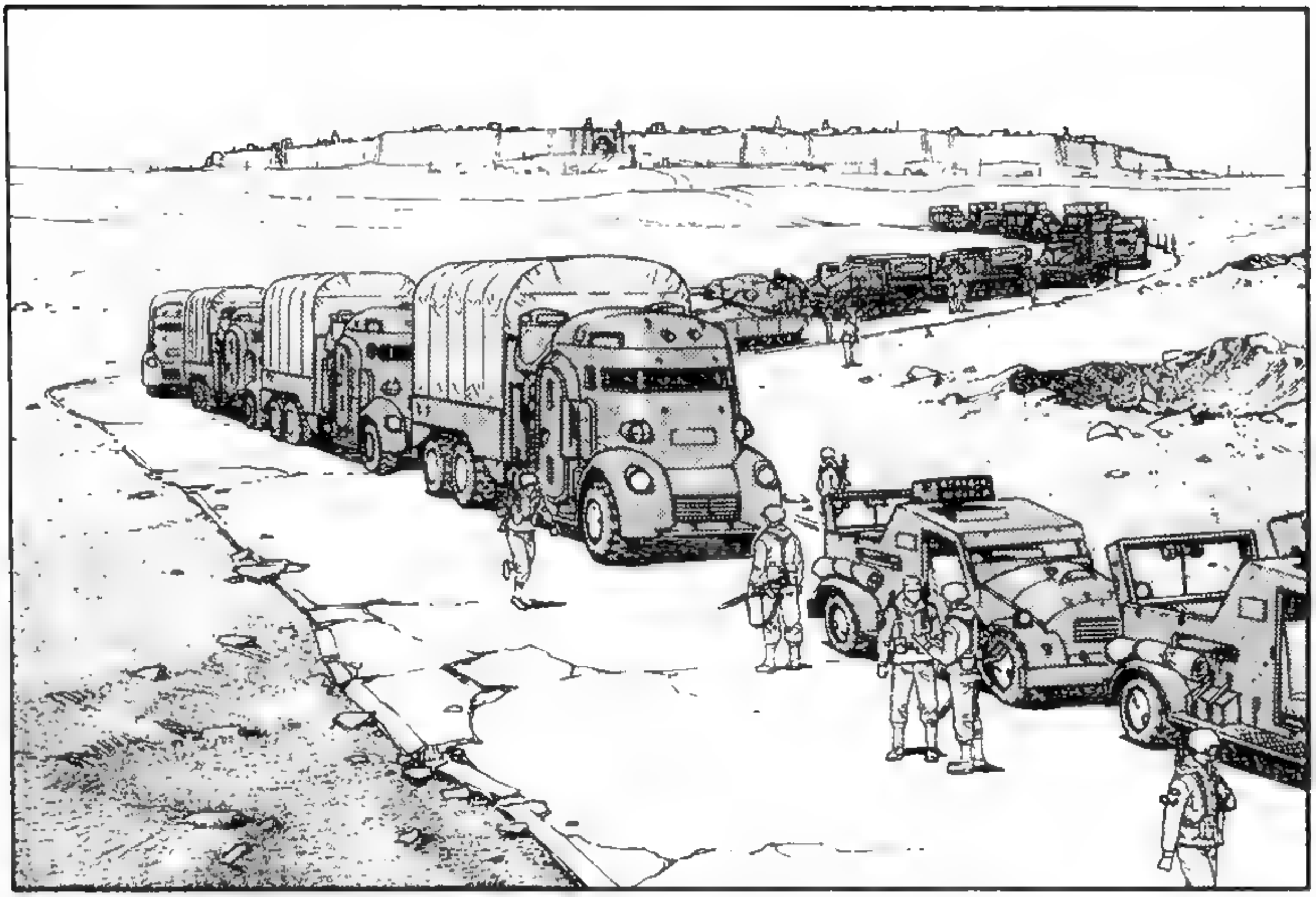
GET IN CONTACT WITH GENERAL BATES TO TELL HIM THAT WE'RE IN POSITION!

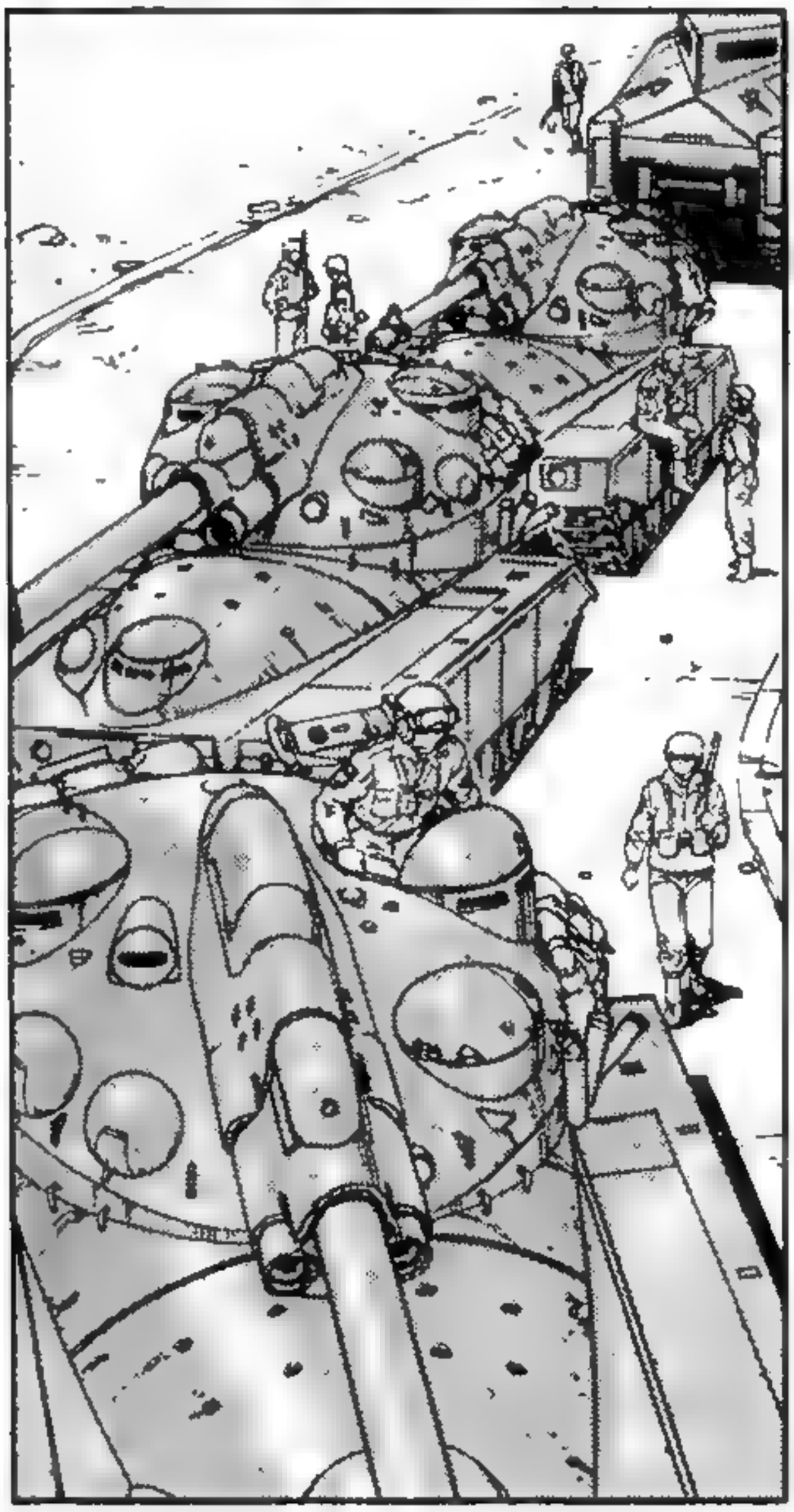
YES, SIR!

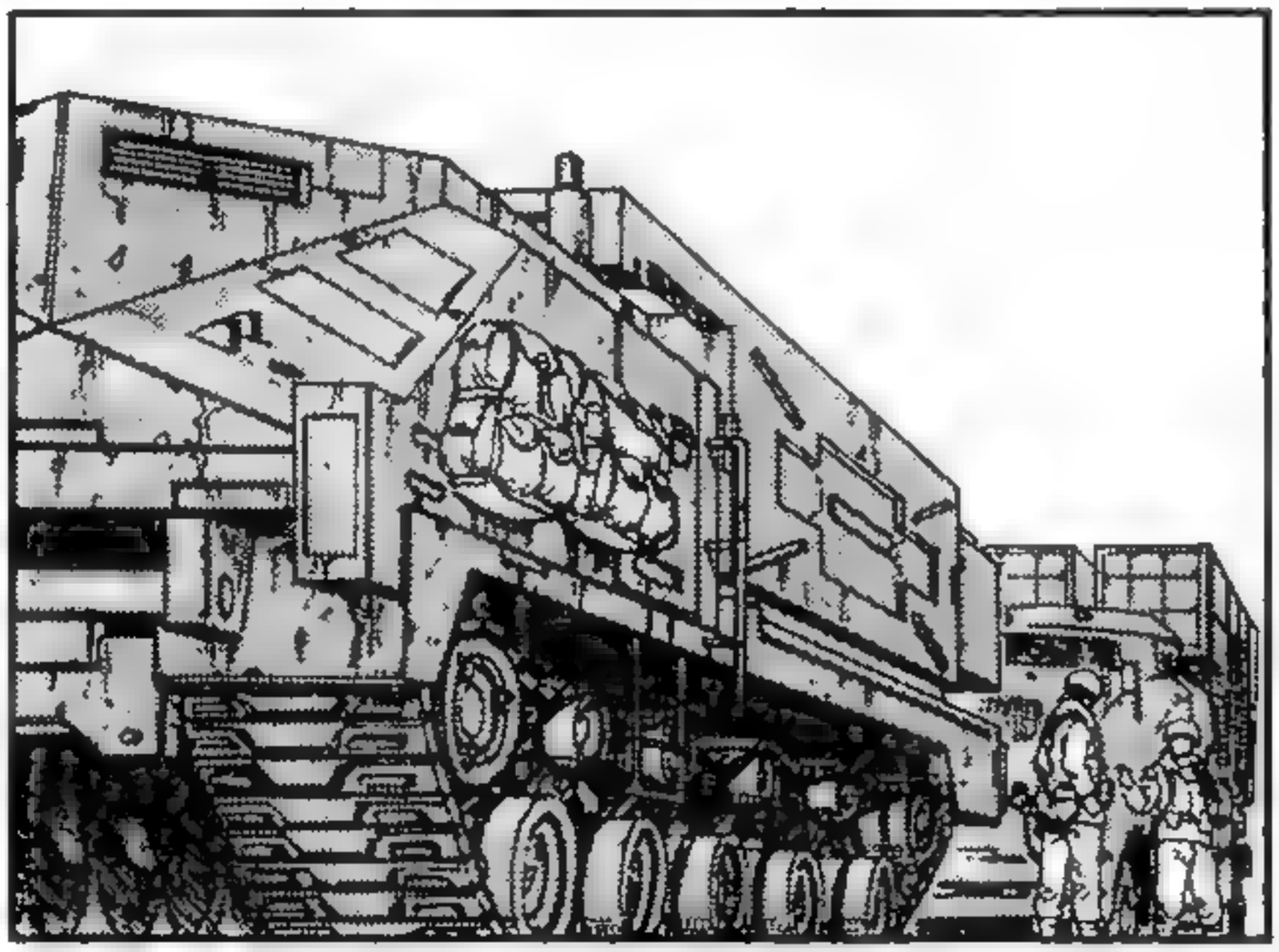
IF THEY DESCENDED WITH THAT...

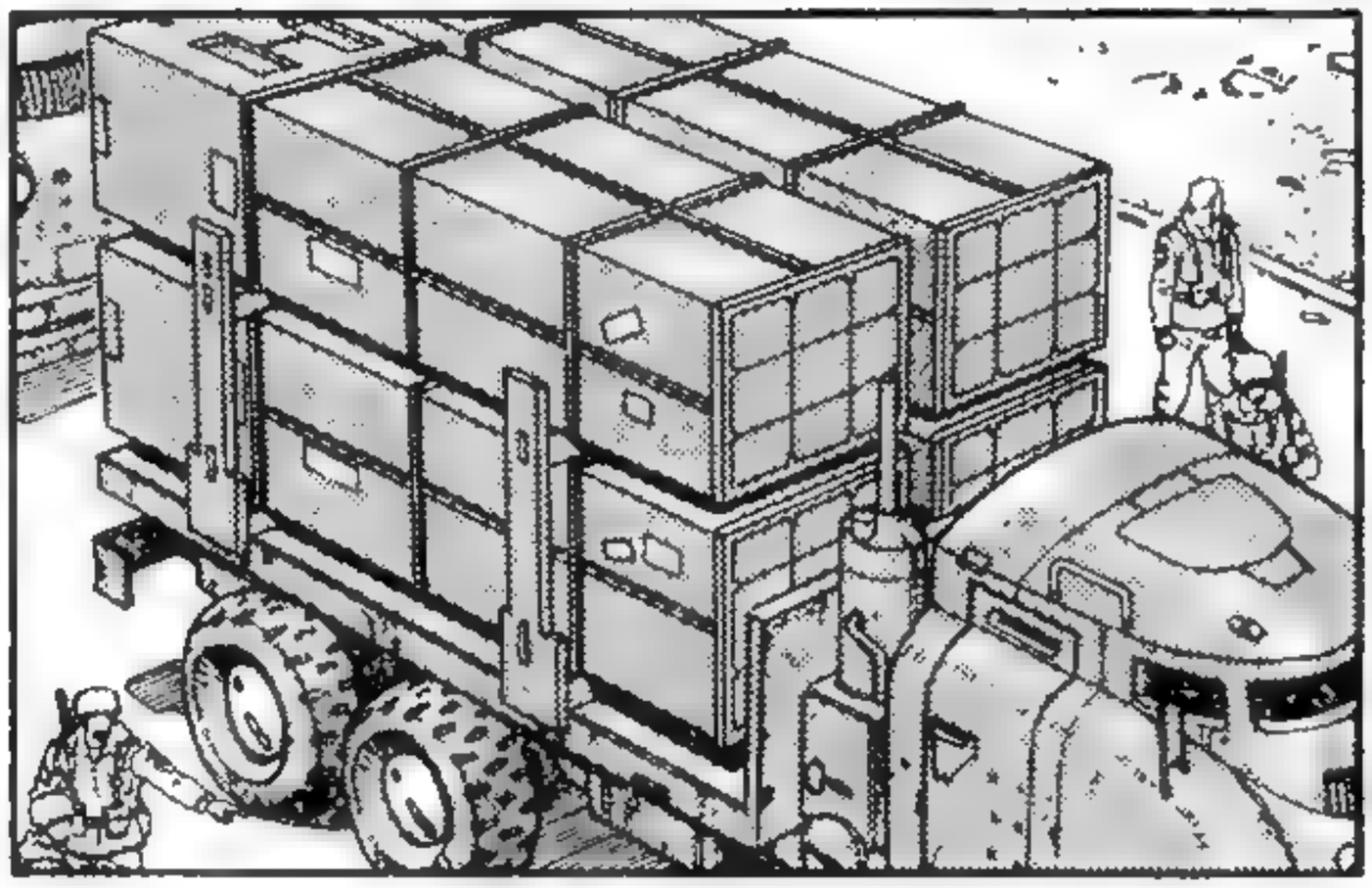
ALTRUISM ISN'T A SUFFICIENT MOTIVE...

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE!









THE PREP-ARATIONS FOR THE EXPEDITION ARE READY!

GOOD, THEN WE'LL LEAVE IMME-DIATELY.

GIVE THE SIGNAL TO ALL OF THE VEHICLES!

UNDER-STOOD!

BROOOM

HUH?

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HAVE YOU COME TO SEE US OFF?

STAP

I CAME FLYING AS SOON AS I FOUND OUT!

WHAT IS ALL THIS WEAPONRY!?

WEREN'T YOU GOING OVER THERE TO NEGOTIATE!?

THIS IS MY USUAL ESCORT.

BUT, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO PROVOKE THE PEOPLE OF THE COLONY.

HMPH! IT'S JUST A SIMPLE PRECAUTION.

ALMOST ALL THE TANKS WILL BE ON ALERT IN THE REARGUARD, SO DON'T WORRY.

AND, WE'RE GOING TO BE RISKING OUR LIVES.

SO SPARE ME YOUR LECTURING.

HMM...

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU.

EX... EXCUSE ME!?

SINCE IT'S A QUESTION OF A MILITARY ACT ON A GRAND SCALE LAUNCHED BY AN INDEPENDENT ARMY AFTER THE OPENING OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D LIKE THE APPROVAL OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT MY PARTICIPATION WILL SERVE AS JUSTIFICATION BEFORE EPOCH!

...

BATES SAID I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF IT MYSELF.

AREN'T YOU OVER-THINKING THINGS?

THAT'S MY JOB. WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

ONCE I GET IN THE CAR!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT READY, PRESIDENT HANS?

I WILL FOLLOW YOU IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.

SEE YOU THEN.

SKRRE

SHRRR

BRROUUM

HMPH...

YOU COULD SPARE US THE TROUBLE.

WELL, LET'S GO!!

BRRRRRRRRRR

BRRRRRRRRRR

VROOOO

BRRRR

BRRRRRRR

LOOK. THE M.E. TROOPS ARE LEAVING.

COULD THEY BE EVACUATING FROM A BREAKDOWN IN NEGO-TIATIONS?

BUT THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALSO FROM M.E., RIGHT?

IT MUST BE A MATTER OF FAMILY STRIFE!

LOOK AT WHAT DIRECTION THEY'RE HEADED!

THEY'RE HEADED STRAIGHT TO THAT COLONY. ARE THEY GOING TO START A BATTLE!?

AH, I'M DYING TO SHOOT A GUN!

YEAH, REPEATING THE SAME DRILLS OVER AND OVER'S BORING AS HELL!

BANG! BANG!

BE GRATEFUL THAT AT LEAST YOU CAN EAT!

CR SS!

YEAH, RIGHT! ARE YOU CALLING THAT SHIT "FOOD," YA MORON?

WELL, NOW!!

ARE YOU GUYS PLAYING HOOKY OR WHAT!?

WHOA!

IF YOU NEED SOME AMUSEMENT, YOU CAN TAKE ANOTHER LAP AROUND THE CAMP!!

W-WE'RE GONNA DO THE NEXT ROUND AT ONCE!

C'MON EVERYONE, LET'S GO!

TAP

TAP

TAP

CAPTAIN ULRICH'S A GOOD GUY, HUH?

TAP

TAP

TAP

DON'T YOU THINK SO?

HEEEY... WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?

ME?

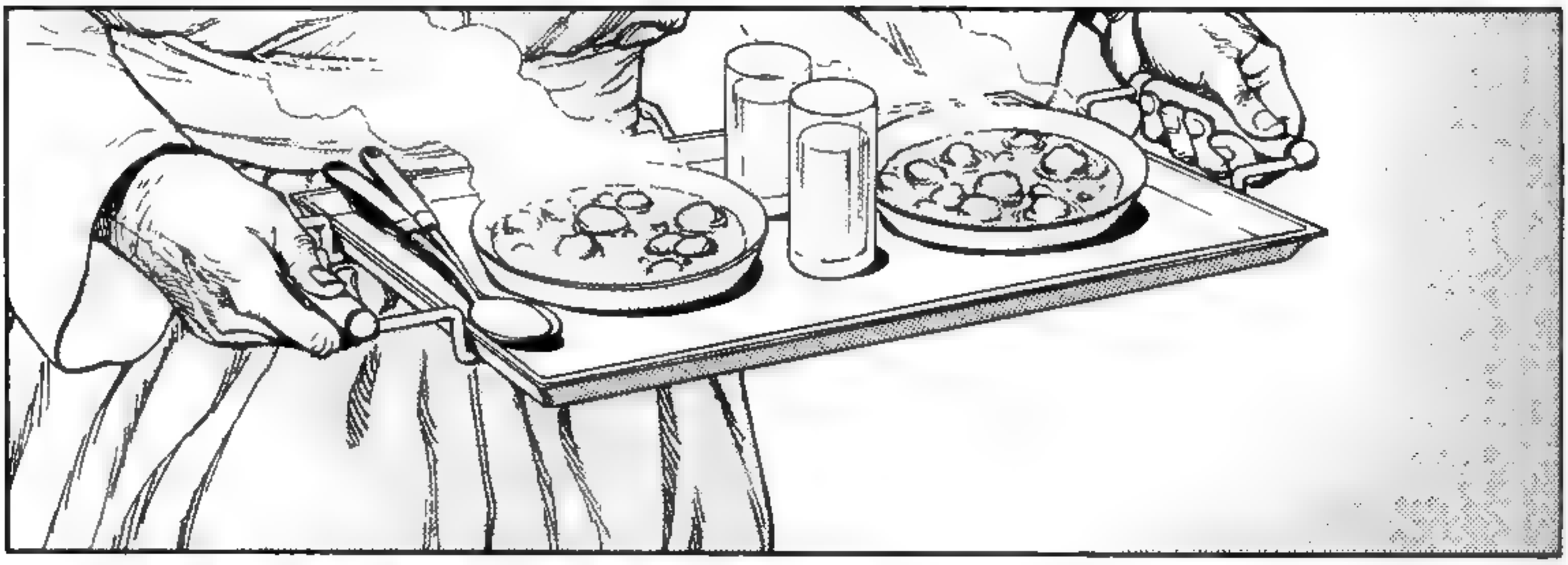
WELL...

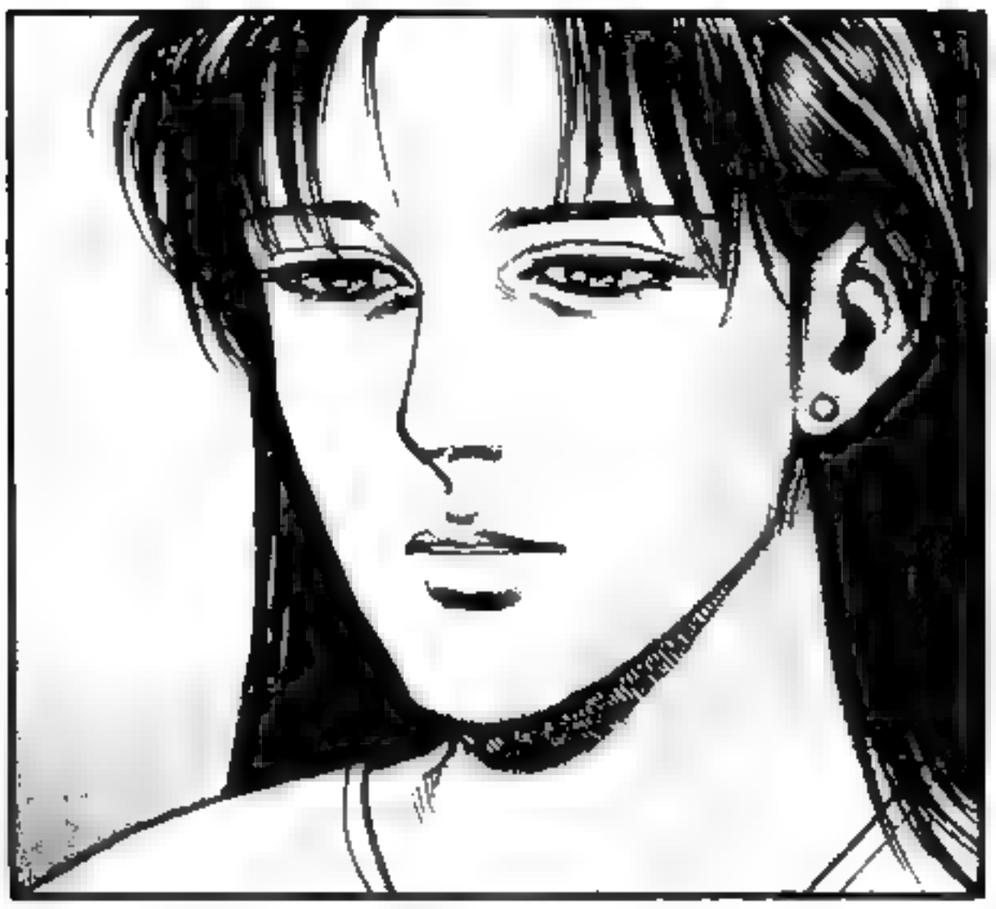
BAH, WHO CARES!

MY NAME'S ZABEL! PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

RATZ!

HMM, THAT NAME DOESN'T FIT YOU.





I CAN'T MAKE YOU A GRAND FEAST, BUT...
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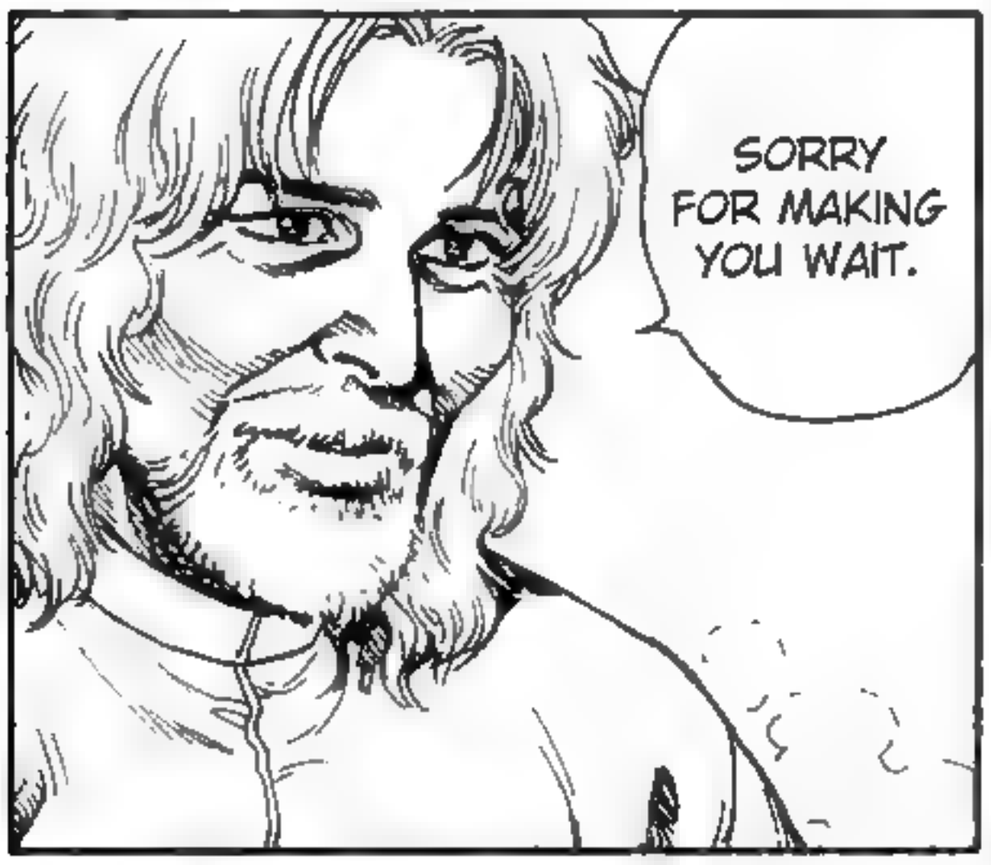
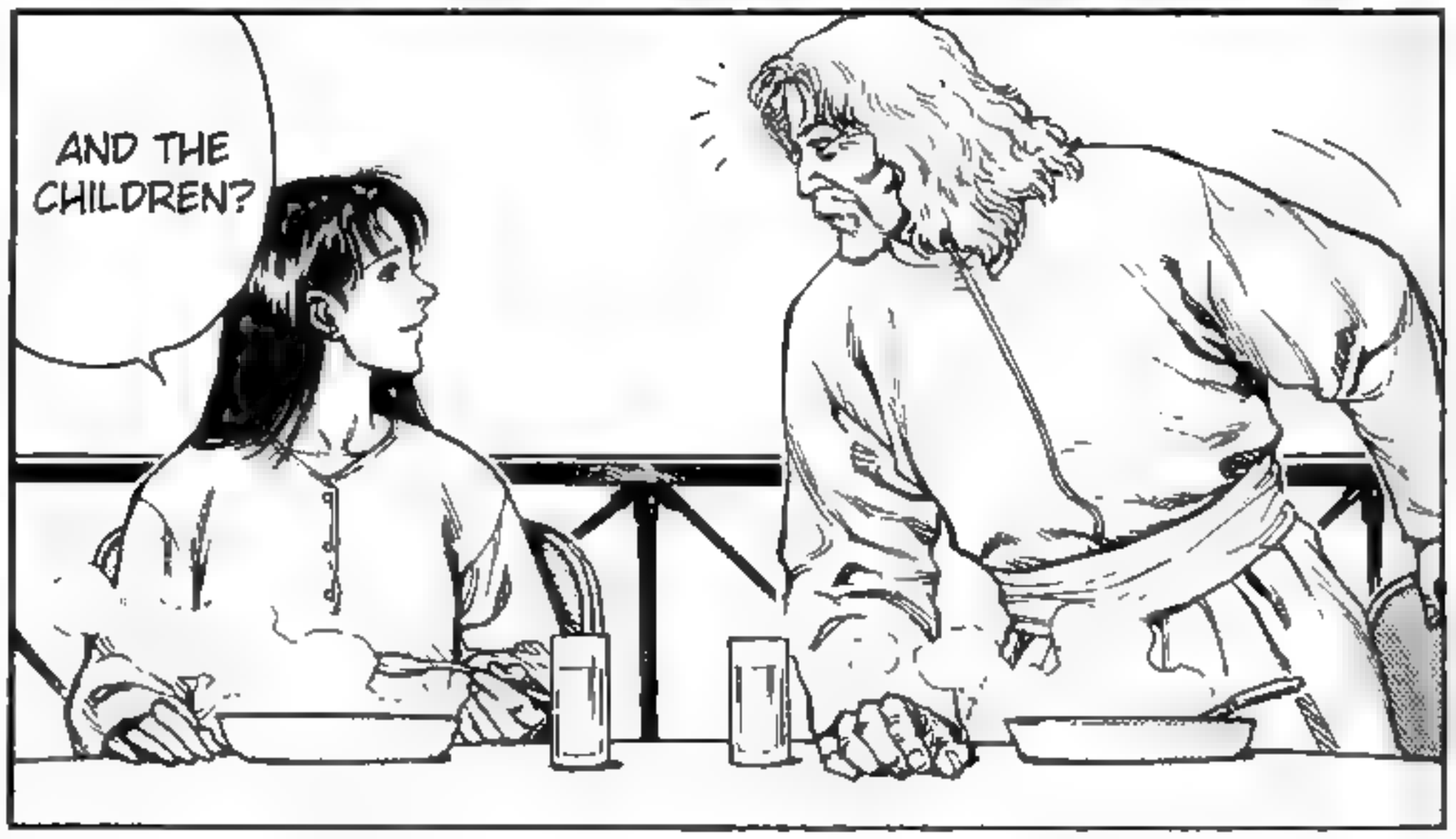

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.


AND THE CHILDREN?

THEY SAID THAT IN THE COMING WEEK, THEY WOULD BRING SOME THINGS THEY'D MADE TO THE LOCAL BAZAAR.

...

FORGIVE ME, SARAH.

MIXED INTO THE COLONY'S AIR, THERE'S A TINY QUANTITY OF AMPHETAMINES...

...WHICH BEWILDERS THE SENSES.

I LOVE YOU, BARD.

I LOVE YOU TOO.

WE KNEW THAT YOU WERE IN A WRETCHED STATE.

BUT WE...

ACT ACCORDING TO OUR PROGRAM.

ESSENTIALLY, IN THIS PHASE, WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE EYES OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC... BUT...

...WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE DROWNING BEFORE YOU...

...ONE CAN'T JUST DO NOTHING.

HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU?

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LEFT THIS LAND BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

BECAUSE WE LACK WAYS TO PRODUCE GRAINS, THIS IS ALSO A DIFFICULT TEST FOR US.

LISTEN, MUSSADI.

THESE ARE SEEDS!

YOU MUST SELECT A SITE WHERE NOBODY LOOKS AND BUILD A GARDEN.

THE WAY TO CULTIVATE THEM IS...

HMMM... WEIRD...

THE CORPSES'RE ALL GONE.

SCH

AT

HUH?

THEY'RE CHIPS!?

IF I DON'T BREAK TIES WITH THAT FAMILY SOON...

LOOK AT HOW WEIRD I'M GETTING.

...I WON'T HOLD UP.

IT'S THE MIDGET THAT RUNS THE STORE AT THE COLONY ENCAMPMENT.

HE PROBABLY CAME HERE LOOKING FOR THINGS TO LOOT.

IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF HE MAKES SOME NOISE.

WELL? DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?

HE COULD BE USEFUL AS SOME SORT OF BAIT.

KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!

TAP, TAP ... TAP

SEVERAL SYSTEMS FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY IN BLOCKS SEPARATED BY BULKHEADS.

THEY'RE CONVERTED INTO MODULES.

IT'S COMMON STRUCTURE AMONG SPACECRAFTS

IF WE DESTROY ONE BLOCK, IT'LL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE OTHERS.

EVEN SO, THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM OF THE COLONY HAS TO BE SOMEWHERE!

AND IF WE WERE TO GO TO A LESS DAMAGED LOCATION?

THE CHANCES OF THEM DISCOVERING US WILL BE HIGHER...

ALRIGHT THEN!

WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO RELOCATE!

IT DOESN'T MATTER, I'M TAKING RESPONSIBILITY.

LET'S GO!

WITHOUT INFORMING HEADQUARTERS AHEAD OF TIME!?

EIYO! IS ANYBODY THERE!?

FIOU

YOU LIVE A DANGEROUS LIFE, MY MAN...

WHOA!

SCH

IT'S A REAL FLOWER!

IF IT WASN'T WITHERED, I COULD HAVE GOTTEN A REAL NICE SUM FOR IT.

HMMM... MAYBE THAT MEANS THAT I'LL FIND SOMETHING EVEN BETTER!

HEHE! I SURE AM LUCKY!

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TA P !

IT SEEMS WE CAN INFILTRATE THE NEXT BLOCK THROUGH THIS OVERHEAD DUCT!

HOW MUCH OXYGEN DO WE HAVE LEFT?

AS THE RETURN ROUTE IS ALREADY TRACED OUT, WE CAN STILL CONTINUE FORWARD.

I'VE REACHED THE TOP THANKS TO THAT ELEVATOR.

SHIIIIIT.

WHERE THE HELL AM I?

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYBODY...

!?

WHAT IS THAT THING?

BZZZ

WHOA!

GNAR

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Pst!

HUH!?

Pst!

POC

WH-WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

COULD IT BE A GUARD ROBOT!?

Pst!

Pst!

POC

POC

OH...

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE FOUND ME!?

OH SHIT...

NO, THE THING IS... YOU SEE, I GOT LOST AND...

I'M LOOKING FOR A FRIEND.

POC

POC

GNAK

HUH!?

POC

POC

POC

POCOPOCO...

H...
HEYYYY...

YOU MOVE PRETTY FRICKIN' FAST...

HAHAHA...

HYAA!

WOUUUU

WHAT!?

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! IT WASN'T ME, MAN!!

SHIT, IT'S A TRAP!

WOUUUU

WE'VE BEEN FOUND!!

RETREAT!!

WOOO

GRIN

POC OPOCO...

BW

!?

CLANG

WAHH!!

TH-THE FUCK'S GOING ON!?

WE'RE STUCK...

POCOPO

HEEEY! SPEEDY GONZALEZ!

WAIT FOR ME!!

BWWWWWWWWWW!!!

CLAAANG!

!

JESUS!

BANC

BONS

NO STEP!

NO STEP!

DOWN THERE, TO THE RIGHT!!

EP!

CLANG!

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CLANG

SHIT!!

WE'RE TRAPPED LIKE RATS!

fhhh

fhhh

SHIT, MAN...

THERE'S NO MORE... OXYGEN!

fhhh

fhhh

OWW, MY EARS!!

BAM

Fhh

Fhh

GNAK

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TCHAC...

Fhh Fhh

...DO YOU THINK THAT HE'S A THIEF, MONROUGE?

HMMM...

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE SUFFICIENTLY EQUIPED TO ACCESS THE CENTRAL UNIT...

MOREOVER, HE'S PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM WHERE THE ABNORMAL ENTRY WAS SIGNALED.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER GUARD ROBOTS?

AS THE GATES HAVE CLOSED, THERE ARE PLACES THEY CAN'T ACCESS.

CHECK THE BLOCKS ONE BY ONE.

PROJECT THE IMAGES.

YES, SIR!

SO, WILL WE BE ABLE TO ESCAPE?

IT SEEMS THAT THE PANELS OF THE DUCT CAN BE DETACHED.

BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT GOES.

WHAT'S WRONG?

MY EARS HURT...

GIVE HIM A HAND! LET'S GO!

fhh fhh

fhh

fhh

fhh

fhh

fhh

fhh

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fhh

fhh

THE MORE WE MOVE, THE MORE OUR OXYGEN TANK EMPTIES...

BANG
BANG
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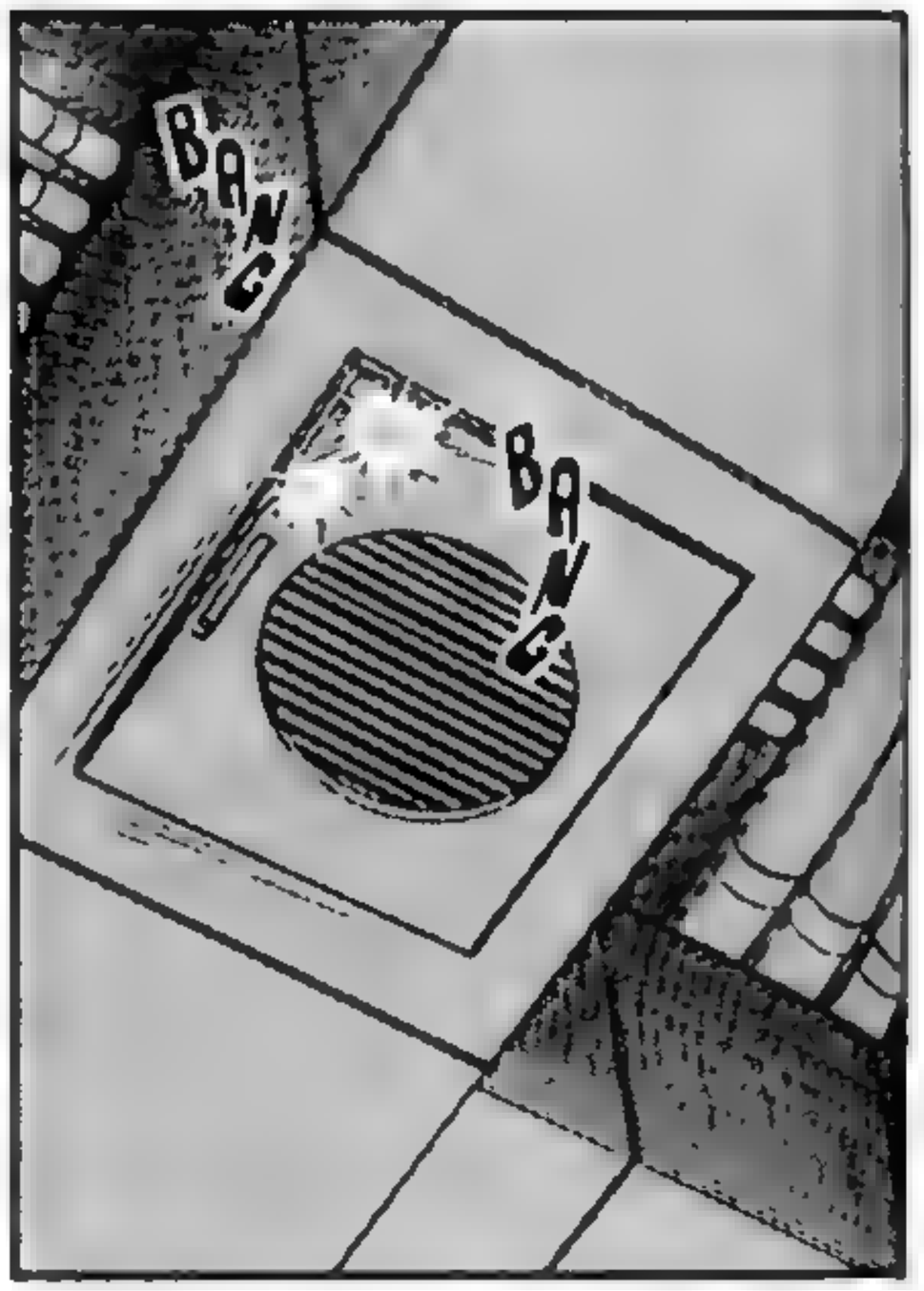
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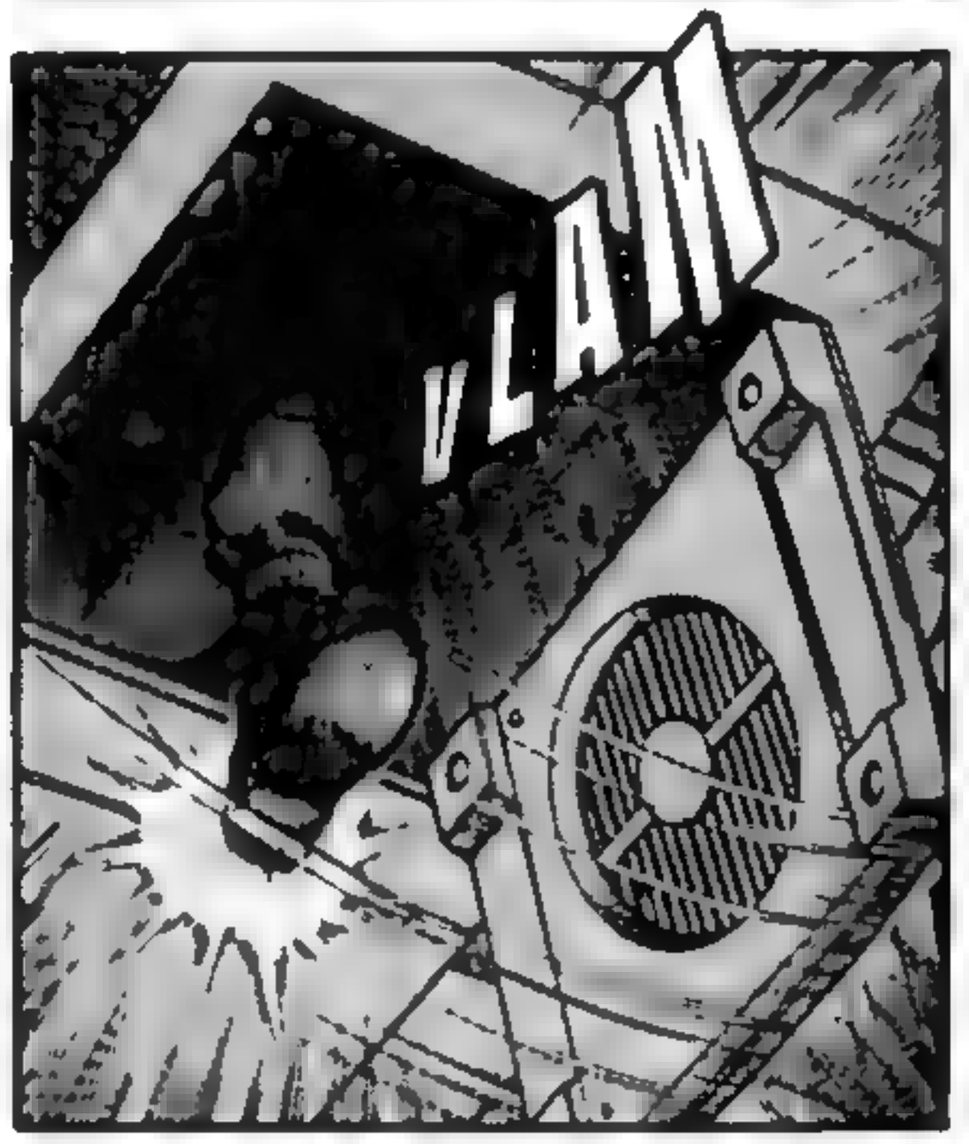
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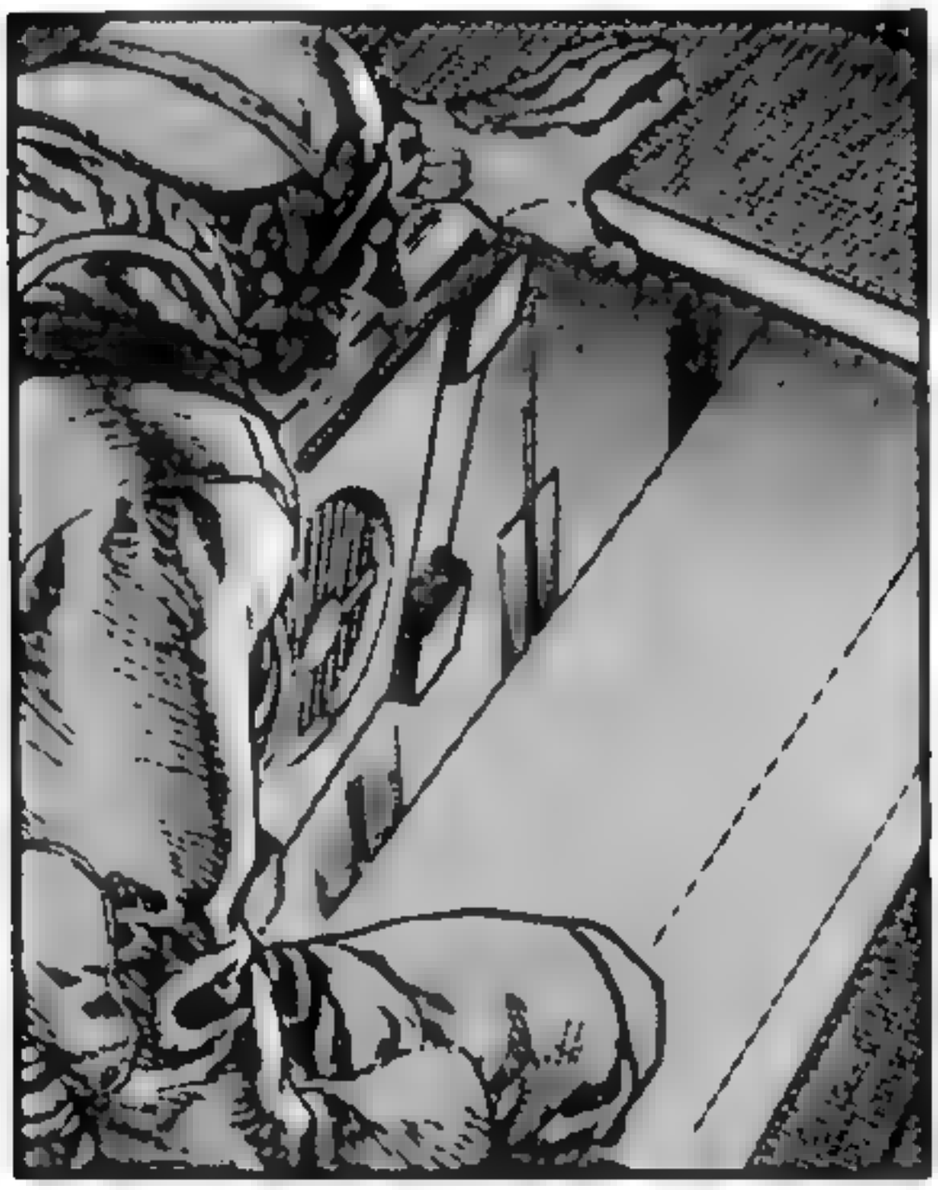

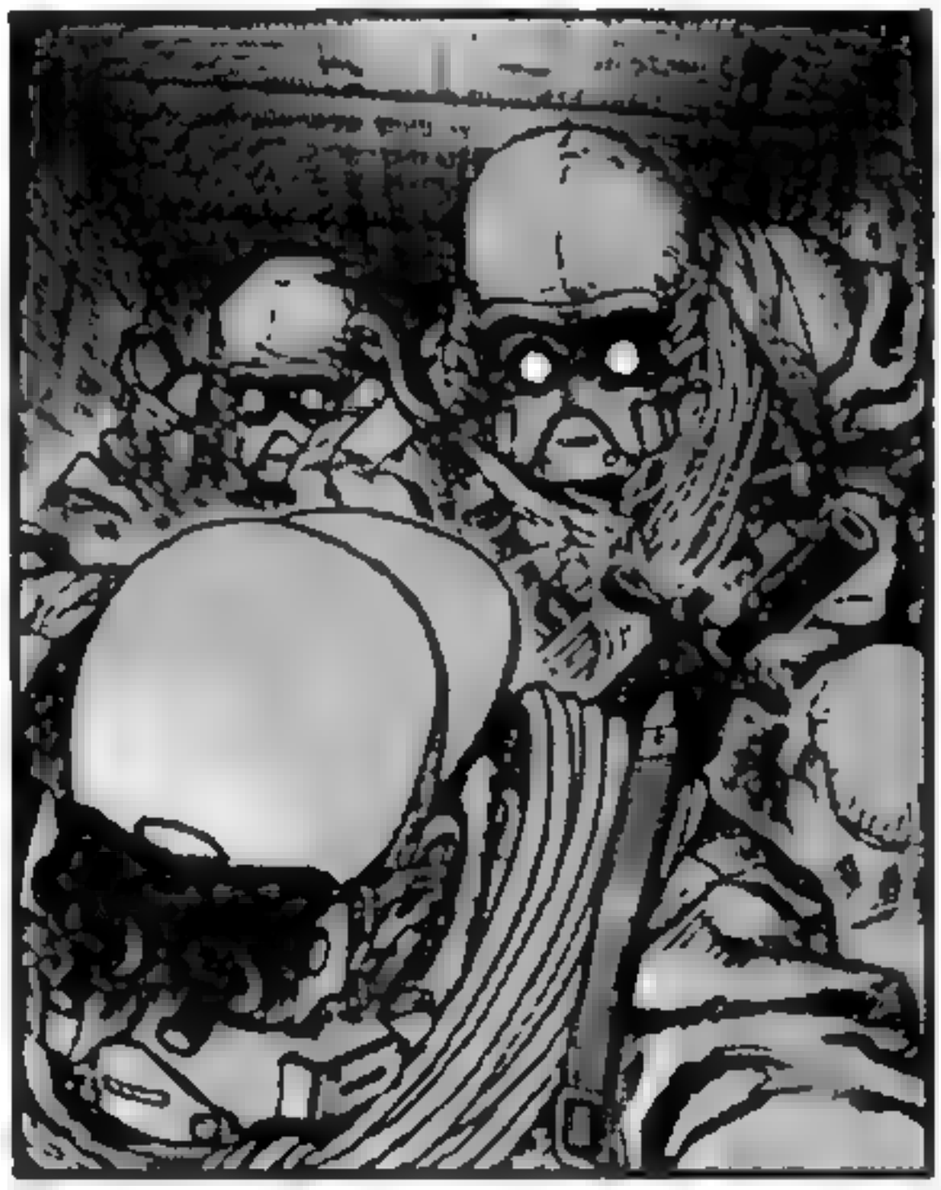

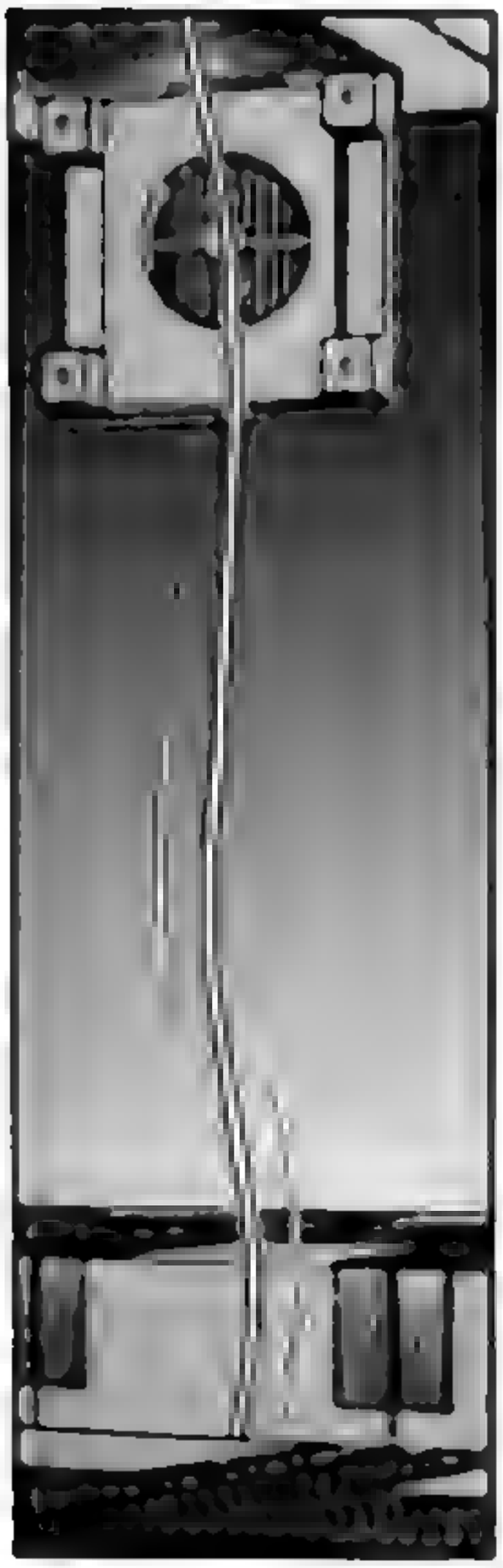

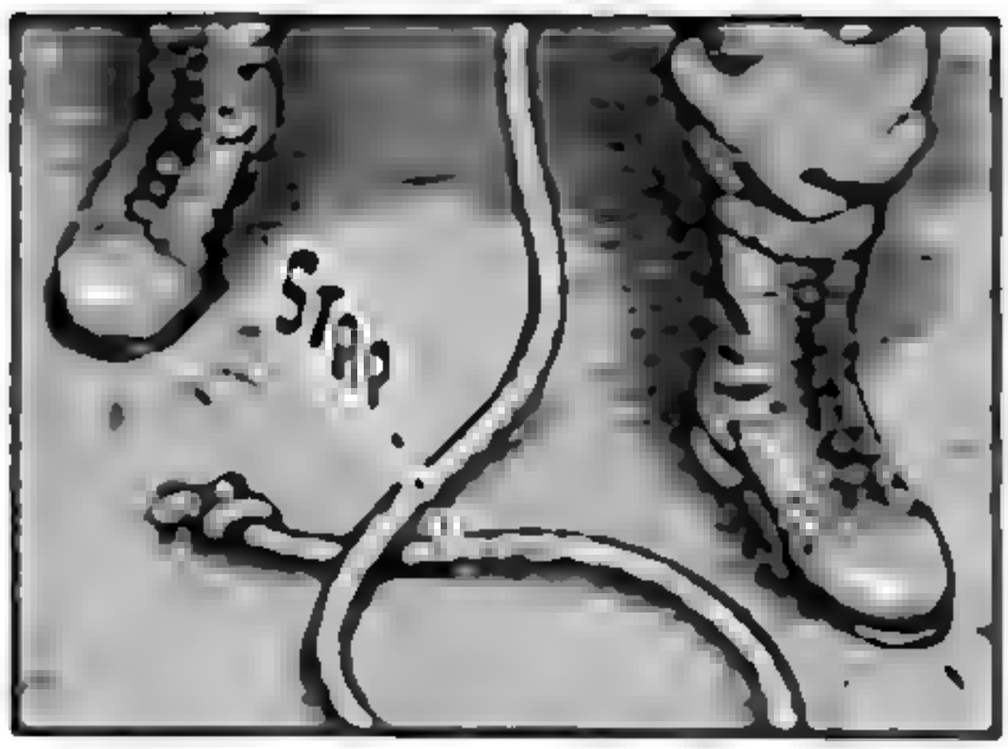
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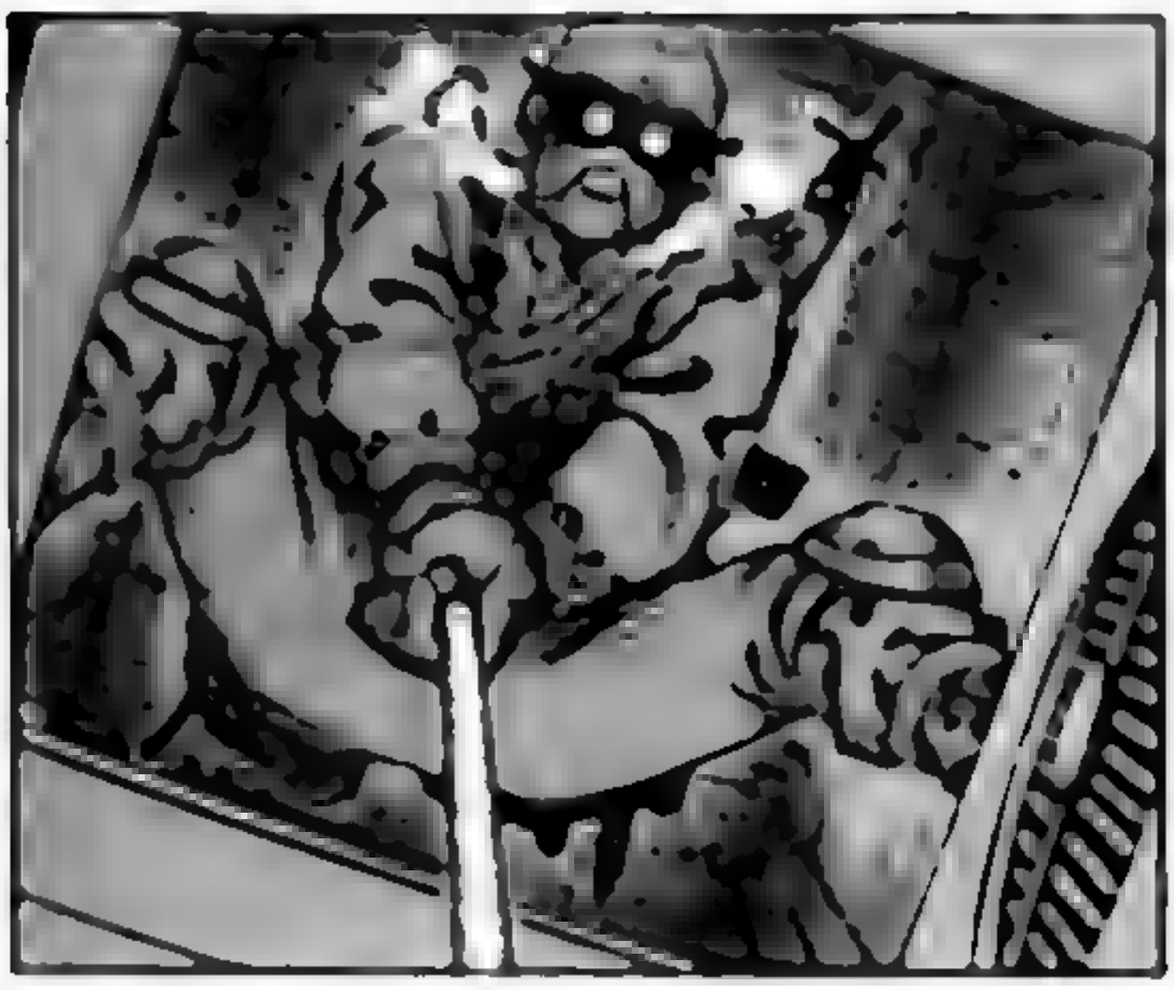

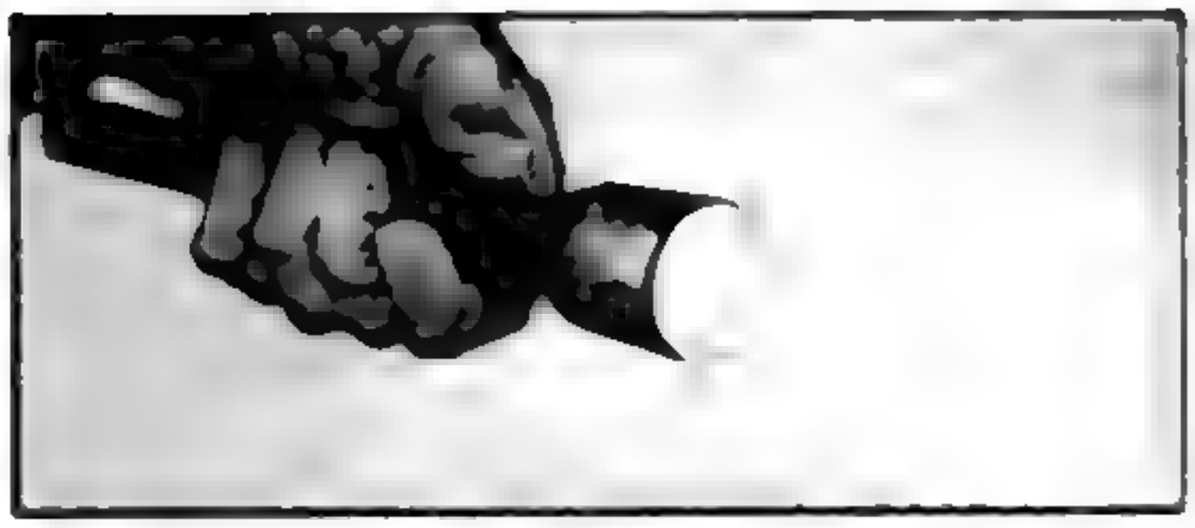

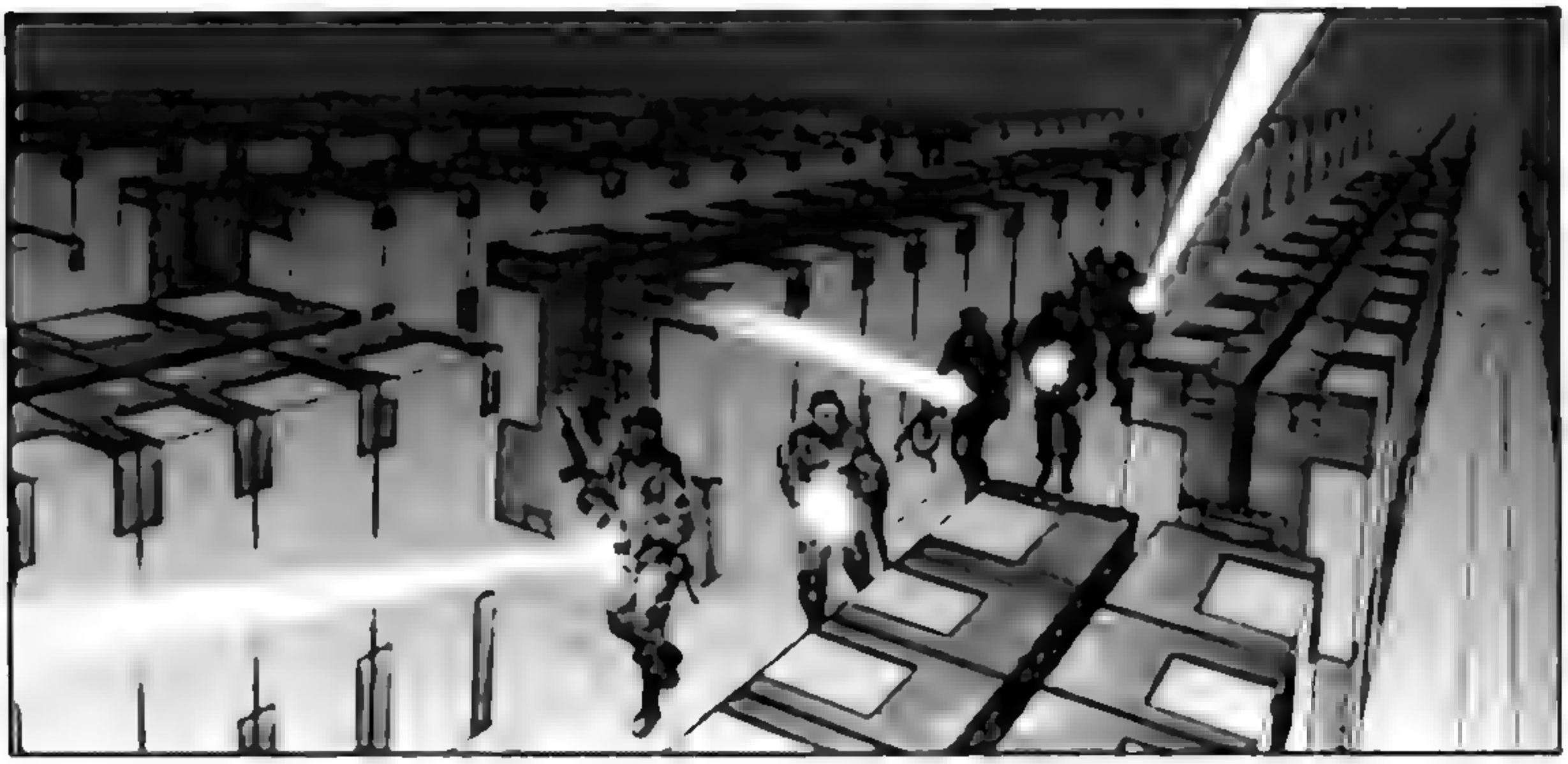

WHERE THE HELL ARE WE?

CAPTAIN, THERE'S A PARTITION!

GOOD, LET'S SEARCH FOR A DOOR ALONG THE WALL!

YOU GO TO THE RIGHT!

YOU, TO THE LEFT!

AS SOON AS YOU FIND IT, RETURN HERE!

MOVE OUT!

CAPTAIN...

WHAT IS IT?

LOOK AT THIS, PLEASE.

HAS HIS CONDITION GOTTEN WORSE?

NO, IT'S THIS BOX!

HIS BREATH HAS MELTED THE FROST ON THE SURFACE AND INSIDE THERE'S...

WHAT!?

!?

GWIP

GWIP

WH-WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS...

CLUMP

CLUMP

CLUMP

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CLUMP

THERE'S A CHILD HERE!

...

AND THEY'RE ALL...

THEY'VE PUT THEM INTO FROZEN SLEEP?

HE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING. HE LOST A SECTION FROM HIS RIGHT SHOULDER TO HIS CHEST!

IT'S A CADAVER!

NO!

LOOK CLOSELY.

MY GOD...

THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!

LOOK AT THIS ABDOMEN.

!?

CUMP CUMP CUMP

W-WHAT COULD IT BE?

THEY LOOK LIKE TUMORS.

THIS BODY ALSO HAS SIMILAR MARKS ON ITS BELLY!

CAPTAIN, THIS ONE TOO!

...

COULD IT BE AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE!?

!

TH-THEY COULD HAVE DISPOSED OF THEM IN SPACE, RIGHT!?

WHY WOULD THEY PUT THEM IN THESE BOXES!?

NAYEE THEY'RE GOING TO DIE AND THAT'S WHY THEY CAME TO EARTH!?

TAP

TAP

TAP

HAVE YOU FOUND IT?

WE MET AT THE OTHER SIDE.

THERE'S ONLY A WALL, THERE'S NO ENTRANCES OR EXITS!

WHERE THE HELL ARE WE!?

IN A CEMETERY!

WHAT!?

YEAH, THEY'RE STOCKING CARRIERS OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

LOOK.

WHOA!

THAT'S NUTS!

IS THAT WHY IT'S SO COLD HERE!?

YEAH, WE'RE IN A GIANT FREEZER!

AND TO THINK THAT THESE BASTARDS CAME HERE TO SPREAD A VIRUS WHILE ACTING LIKE MESSENGERS OF PEACE!

WE MUST ESCAPE BY ANY MEANS AND INFORM THE SURFACE!

THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE IS AT ITS LIMIT, AND THE OXYGEN WILL RUN OUT SOON!

LET'S BLOW UP THE WALL!

WAS THERE SOME PLACE WHERE WE COULD SET UP THE EXPLOSIVES?

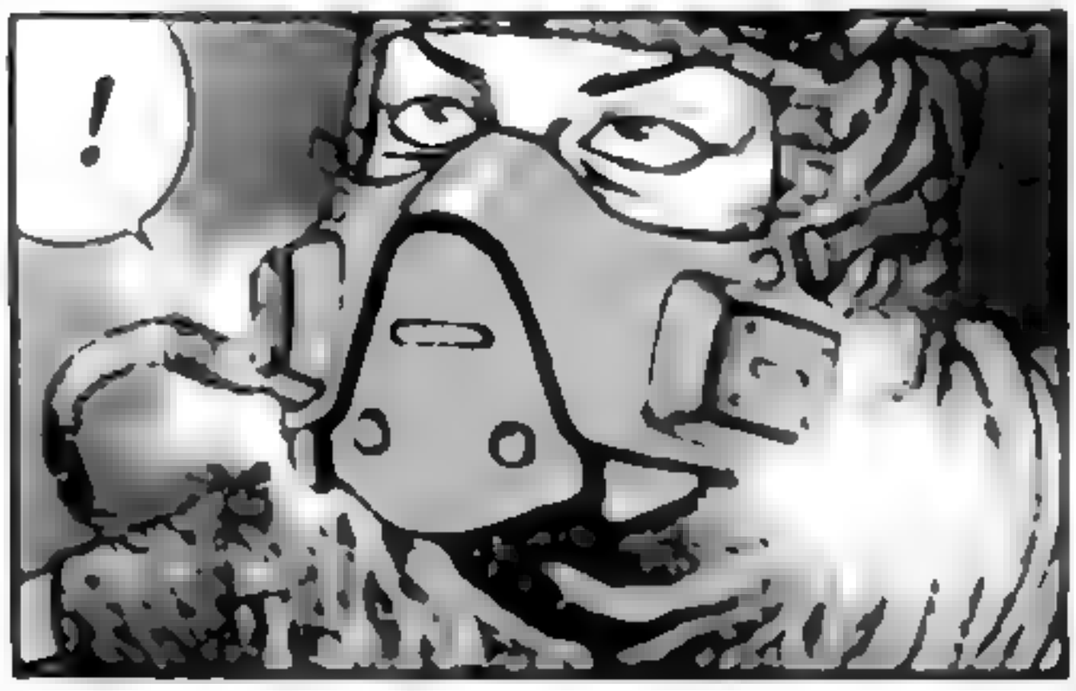
THERE WAS A WINDOW THERE ALTHOUGH IT WAS VERY NARROW!

THOSE LIGHTS ARE FROM THE ENCAMPMENT?

SHIT. WE'RE STILL AT HIGH ELEVATION.

WE'RE LEFT WITH NO OTHER CHOICE.

Tom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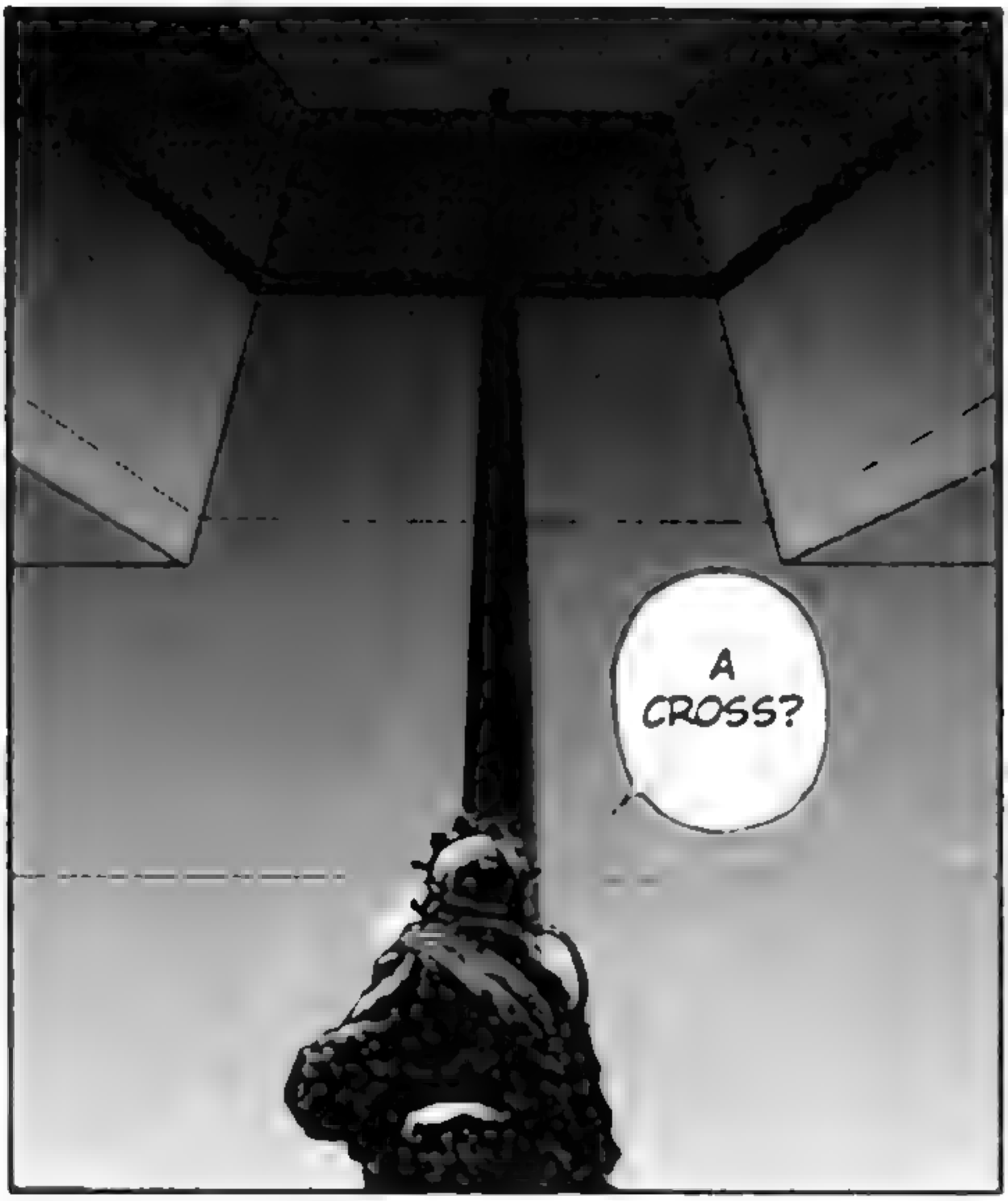
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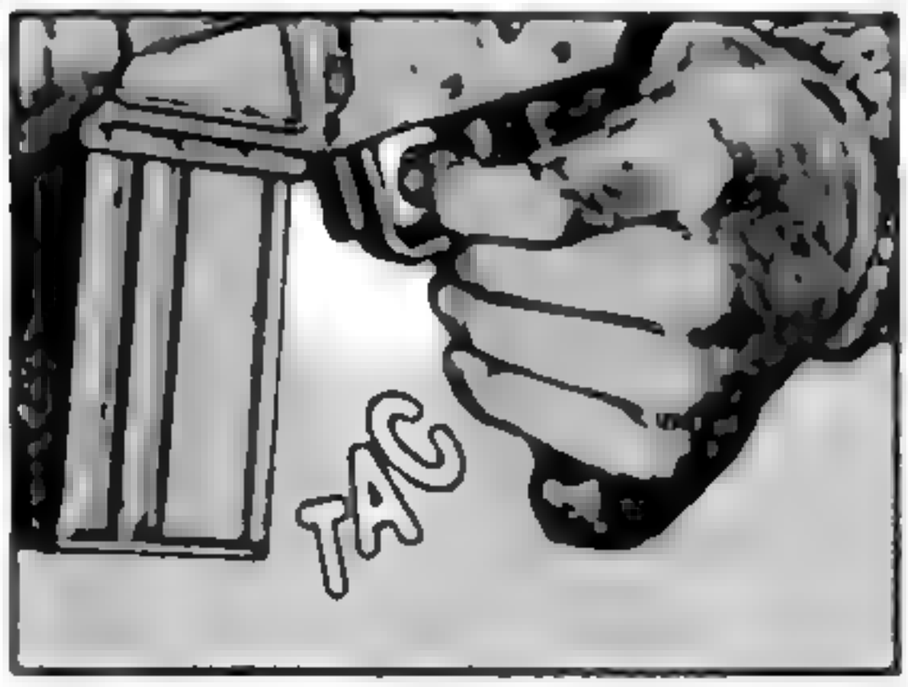
IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT GOD'S HELPED ME!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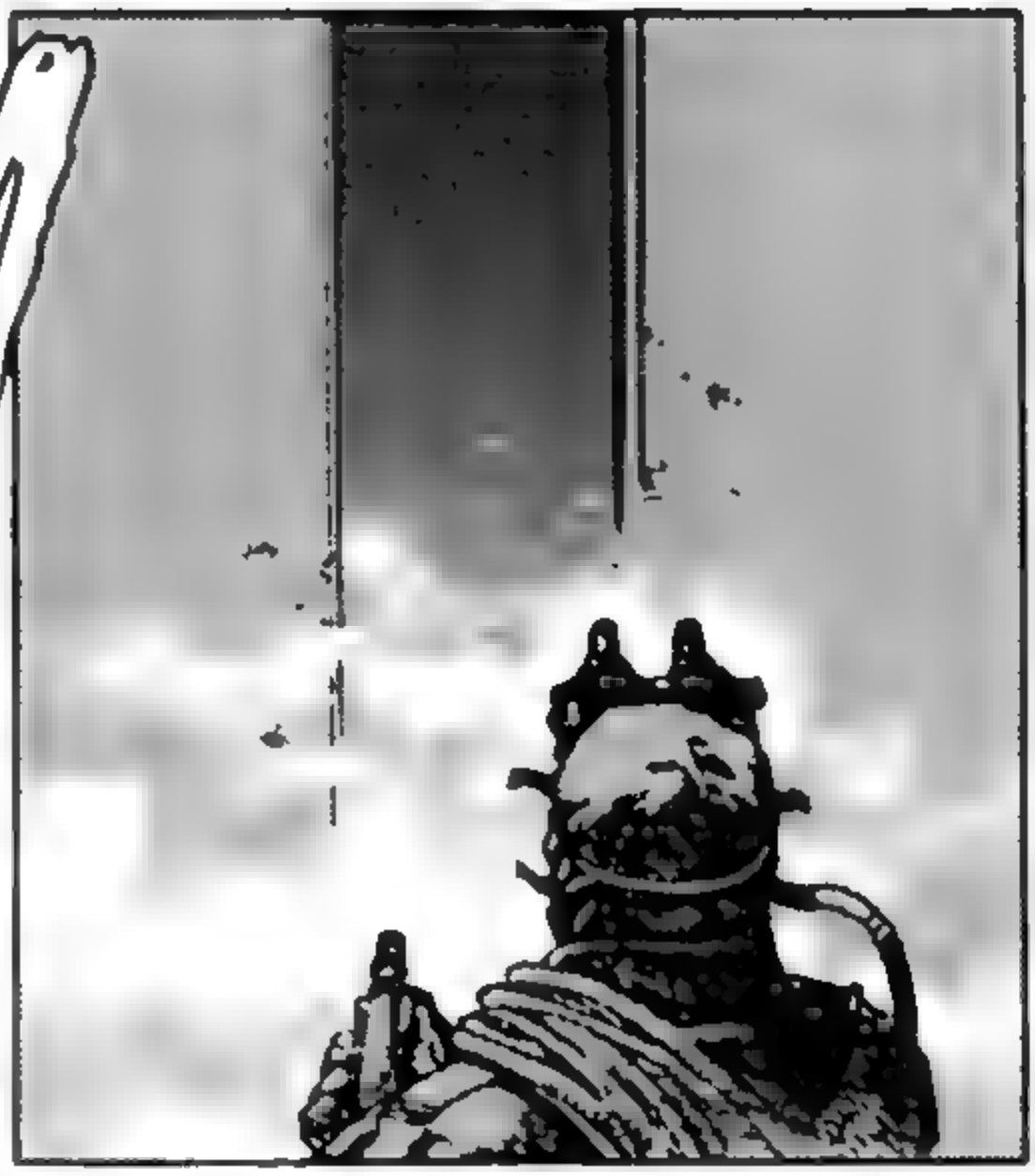
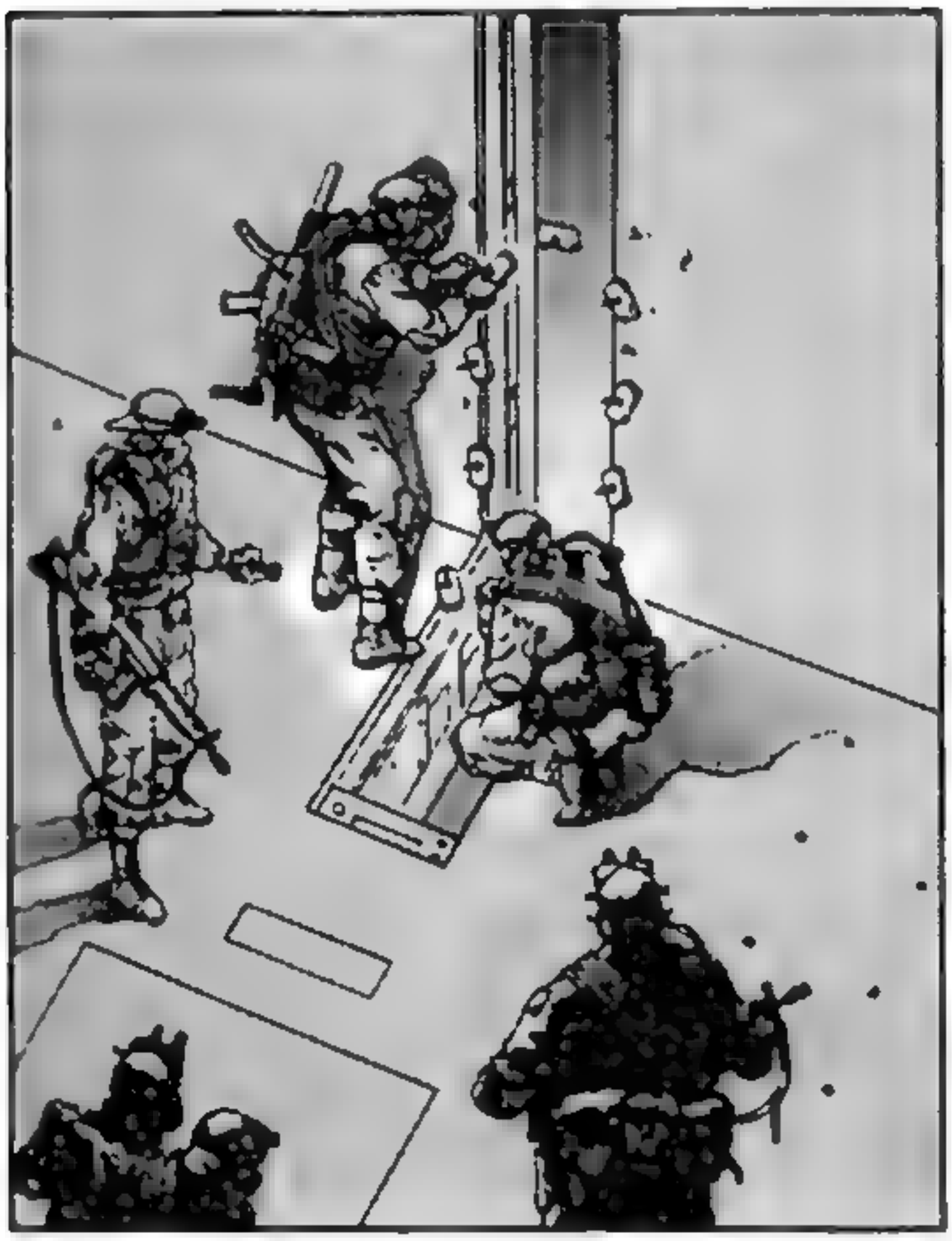


FOR MEN OF LITTLE FAITH, THERE'S LITTLE REWARD AS WELL.
ALRIGHT, SET UP THE EXPLOSIVES!



I-I'VE RUN OUT OF OXYGEN!
HA HA HA
GWIP!
PLAF

READY!

TAKE COVER!

FLAP

CLIC

GO!

CLICK
BOOM

WHAAM

!?

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

SHLAP

LET'S GO! FASTEN SOME ROPES AND DESCEND!!

COME ON, SET'EM UP!!

BTCH!

BTCH!

BTCH!

PA
PAA...

DZII

CLANG

BWWI

WI

W

B

WHAT WAS THAT TREMOR!?

WE DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OF IT YET, BUT...

THE SECURITY PARTITIONS ARE OUT OF SERVICE.

WHAT!?

IT SEEMS THAT IT PRODUCED AN ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD AT THE PLACE WHERE WE DID URGENT TEMPORARY REPAIRS OF THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE IMPACT OF THE COLONY'S LANDING!

TH-THIS IS A BAD SIGN...

THE EXTERNAL AIR AND ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE ARE ENTERING THE COLONY!!

E－20892

E－20892

PAH

BARD
SARAH
HARATO
SATOKO
TSUMURI
KAZUKI

PSHH

E－20892

!?

ARE YOU BACK, HARATO?

CAB

SATOKO?

IS THAT YOU, TSURUMI?

HARATO...

SATOKO...

TSUMURI!

KAZUKI...

FORGIVE ME.

FORGIVE ME, KAZUKI!

TSUE!

SATOKO!

HARATO!

TSUMURI!

...

WHERE AM I!?

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MOTHER SARAH

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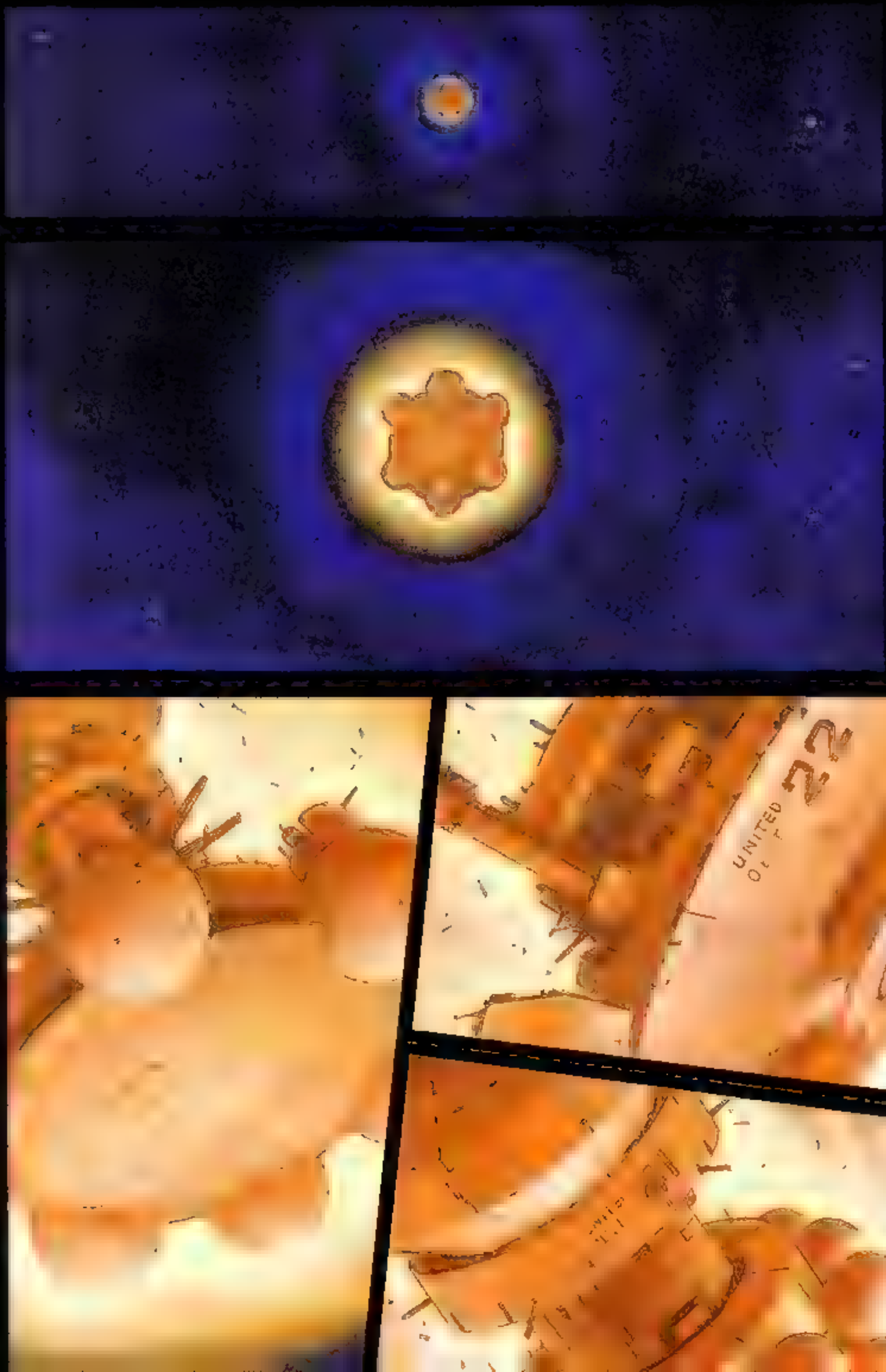
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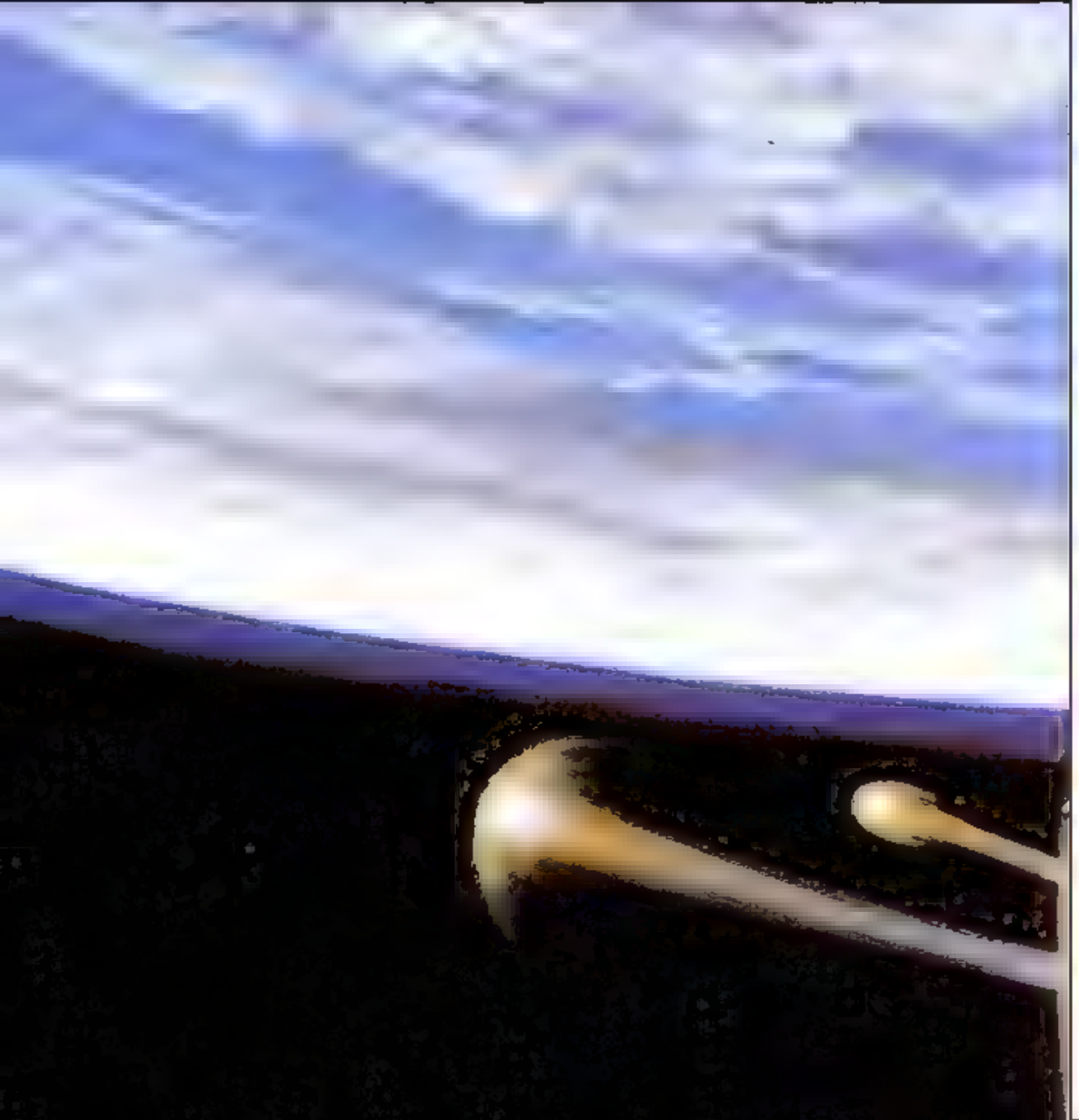

VRRRRR

MMMM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BK OOM

KL ANG

VRRM MM

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EXPLOSION

OOOOOOOSE

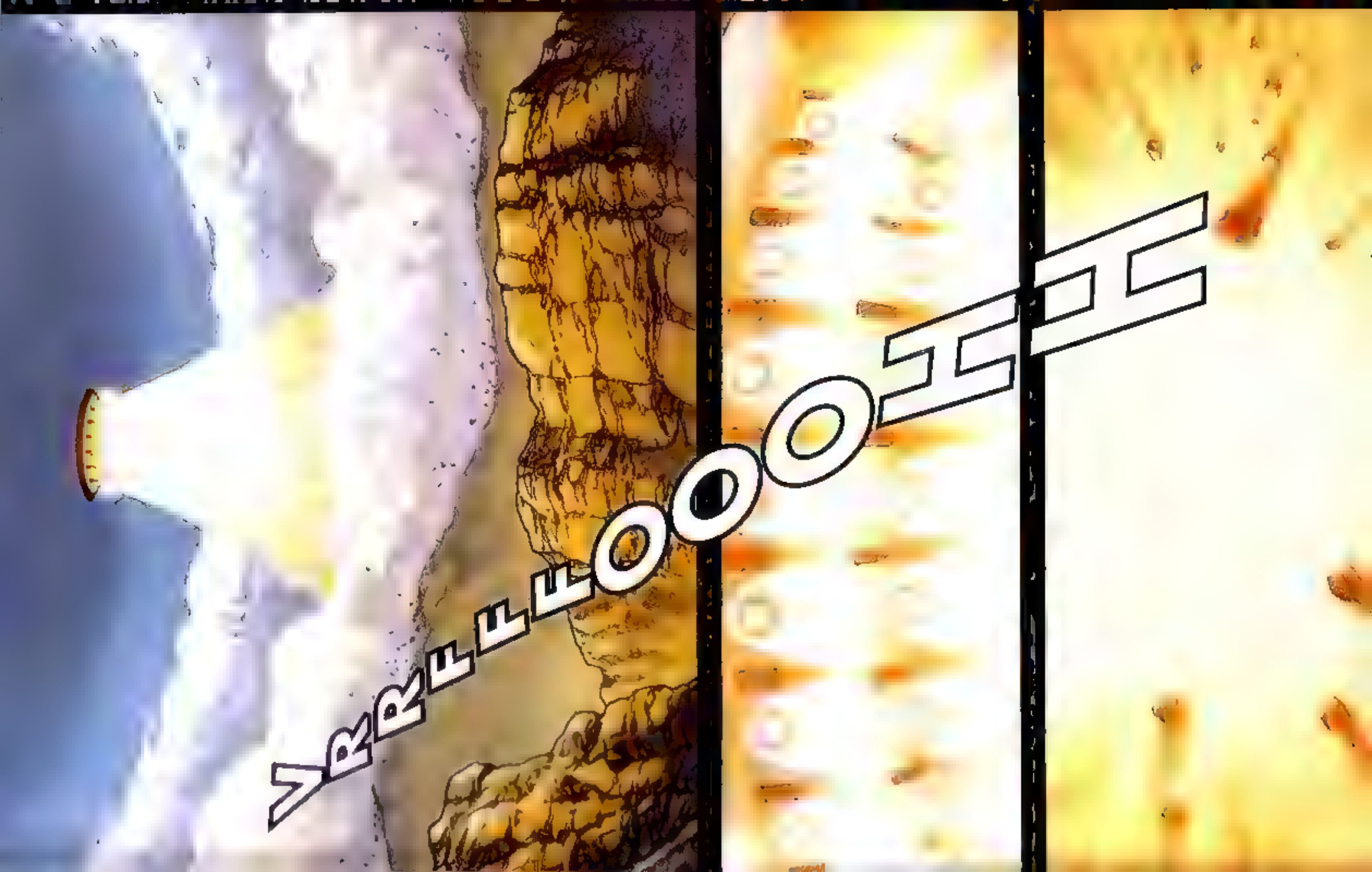
VRRRRRM

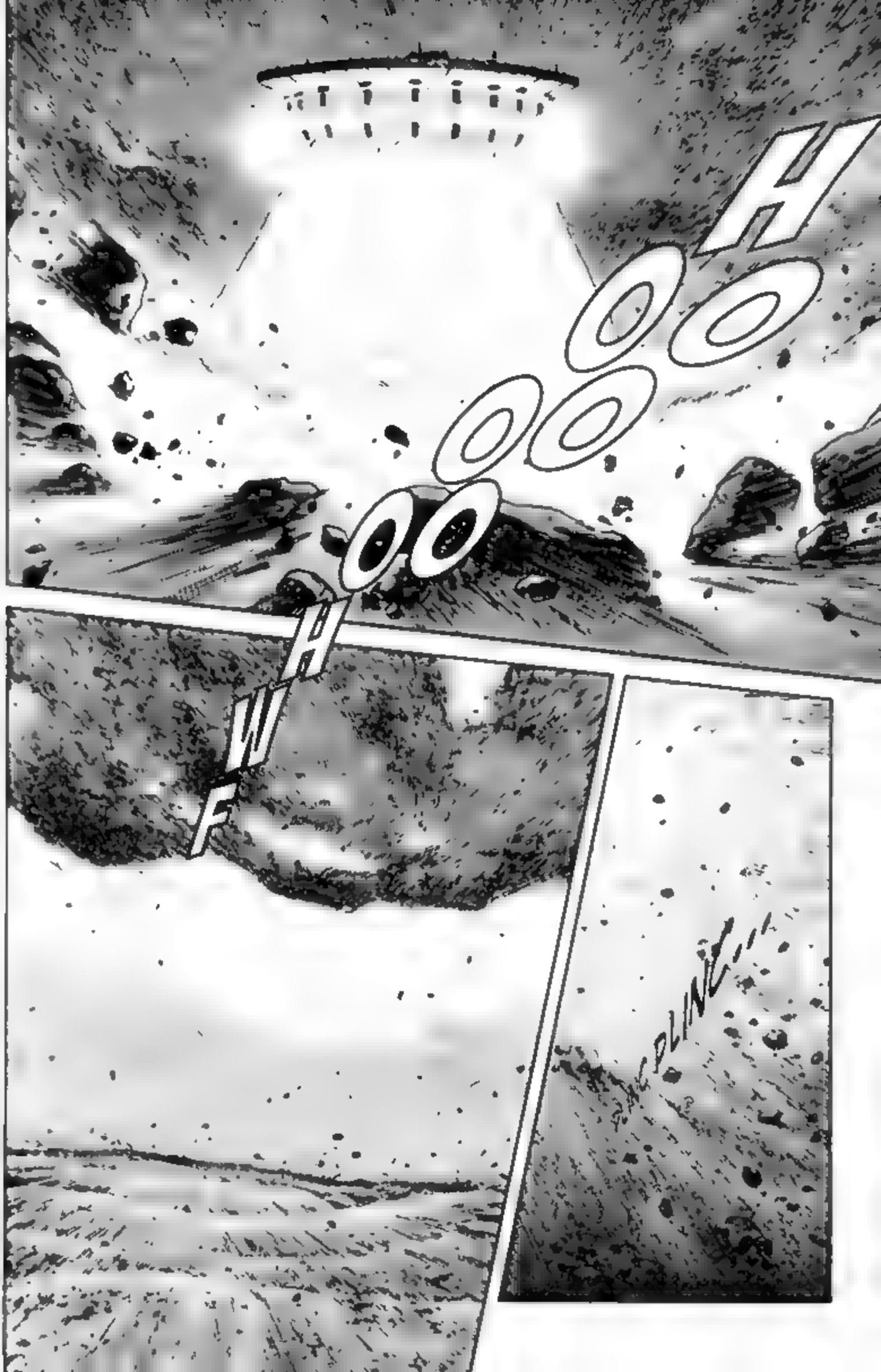
MMMMMMM

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ?!

IT'S

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE !

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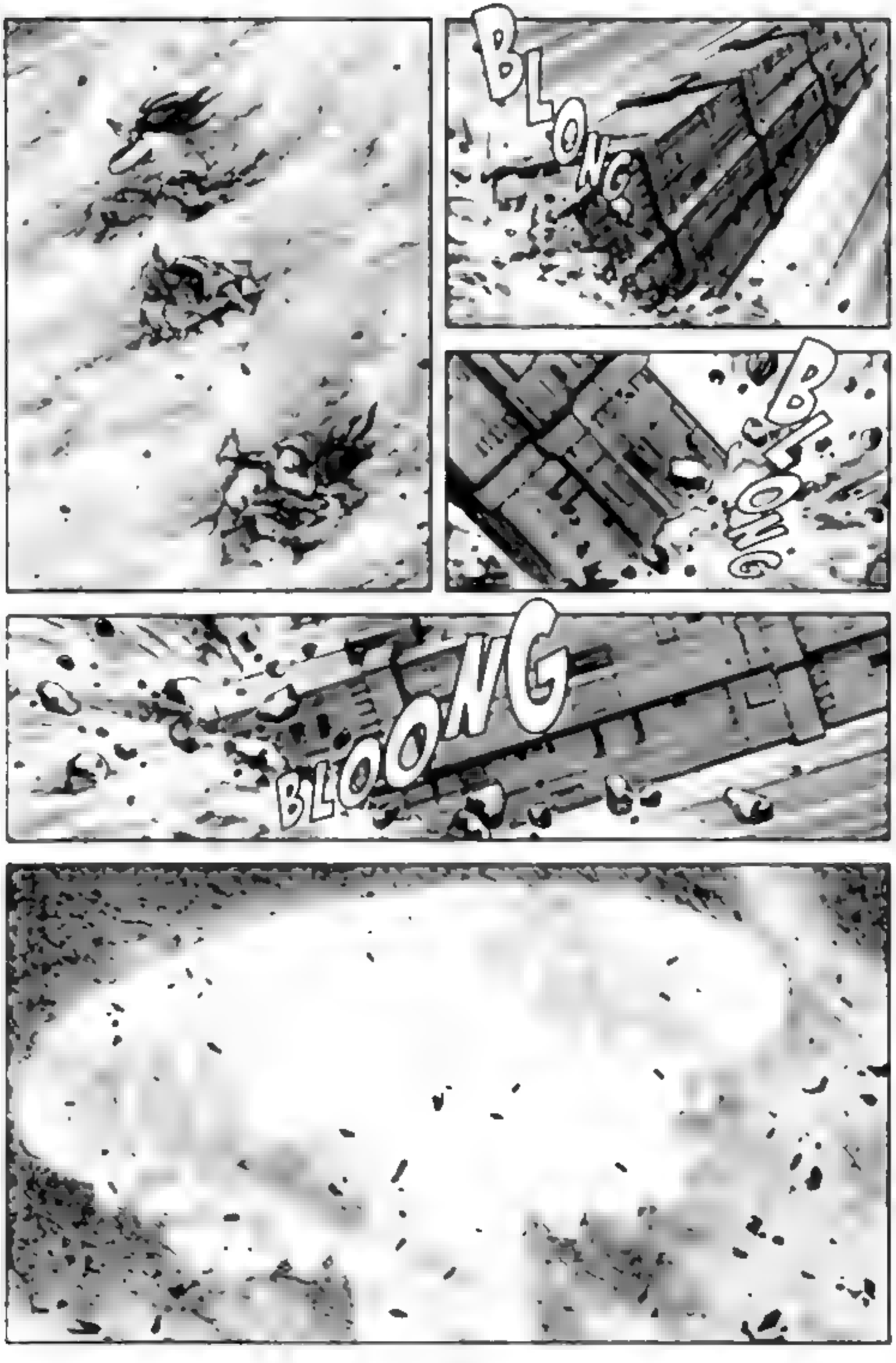
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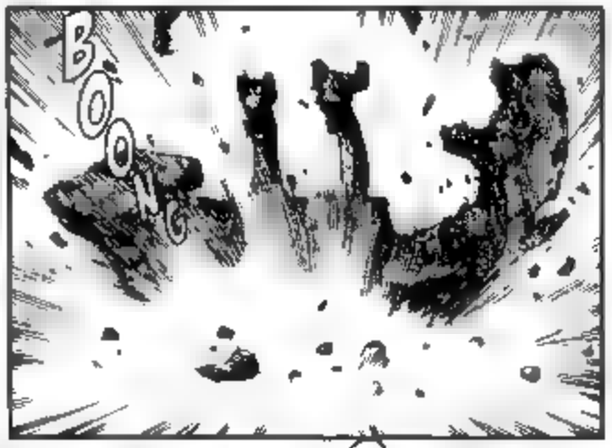
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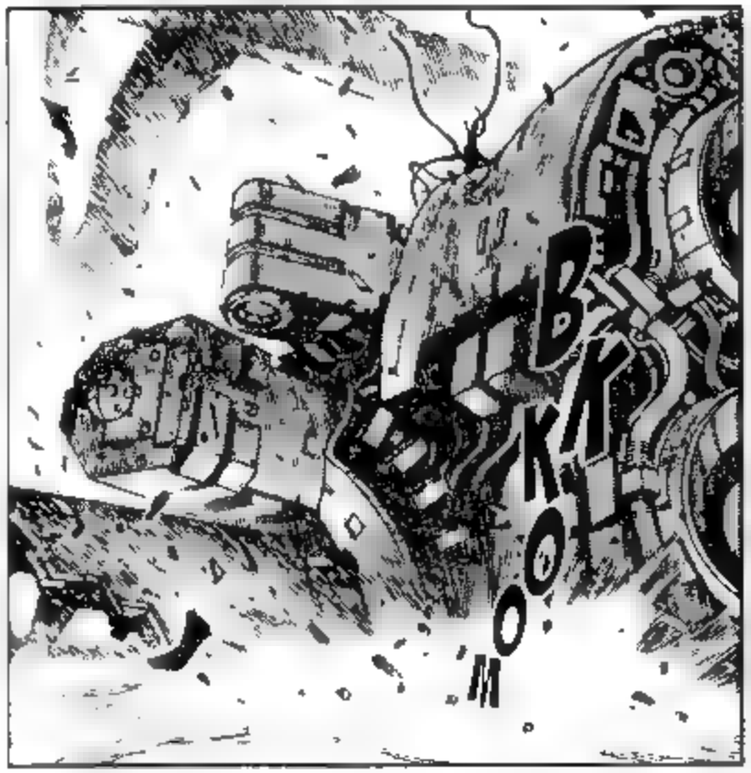
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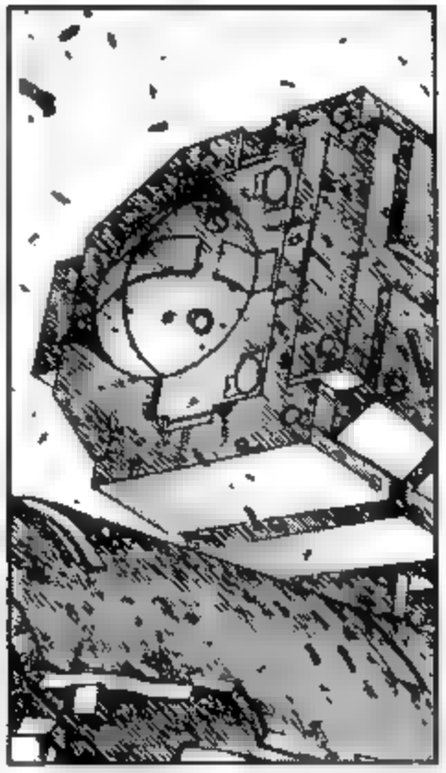

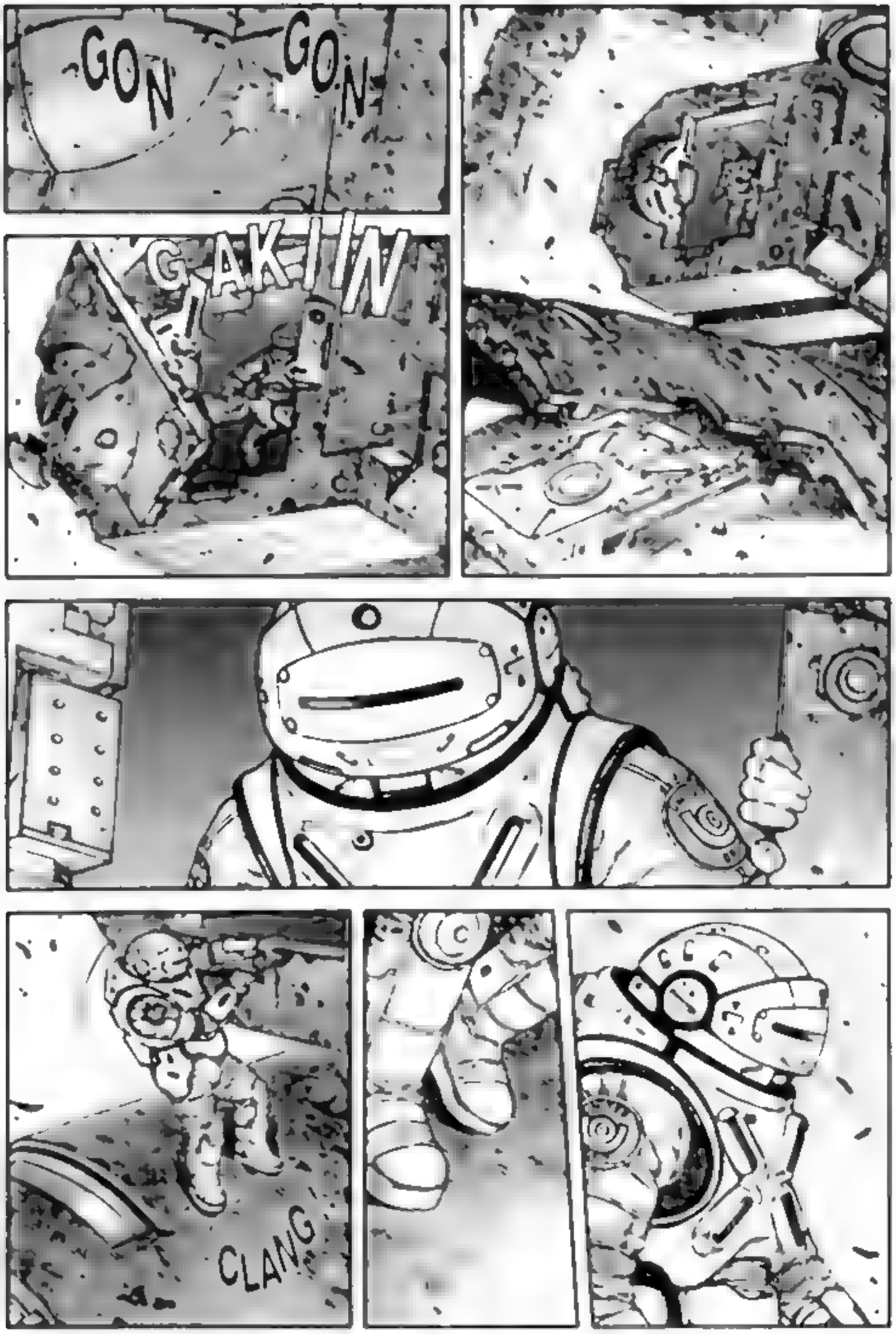
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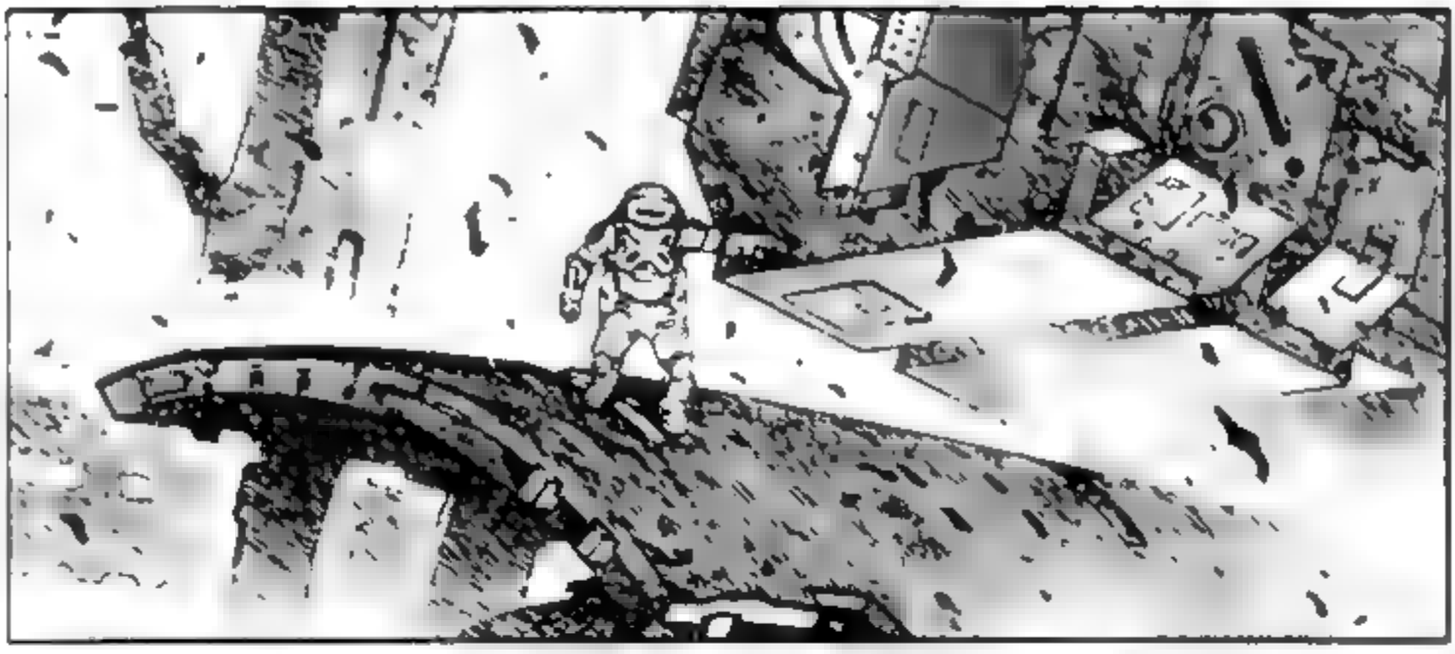

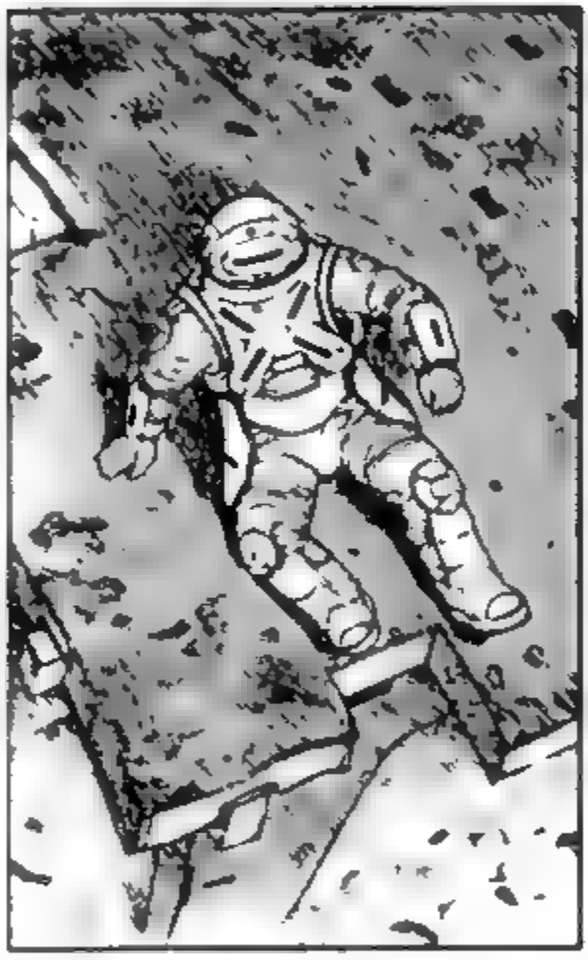

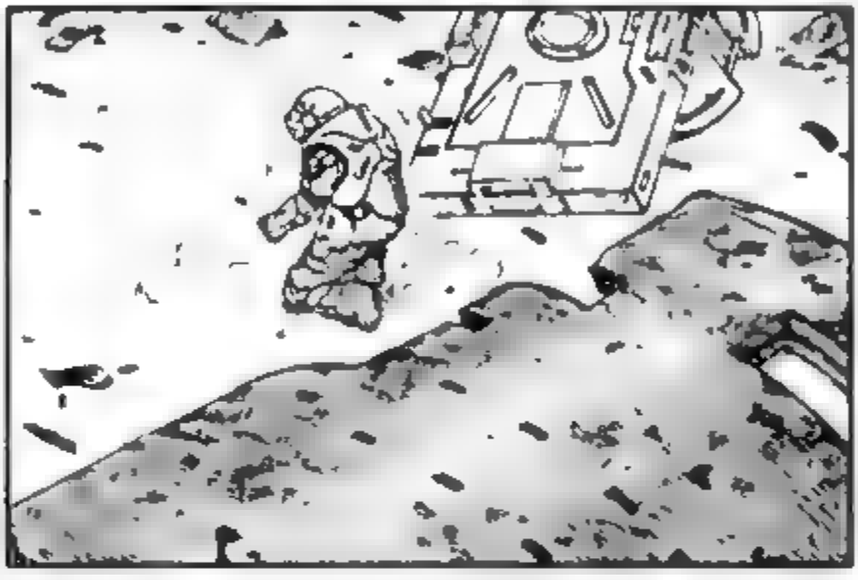

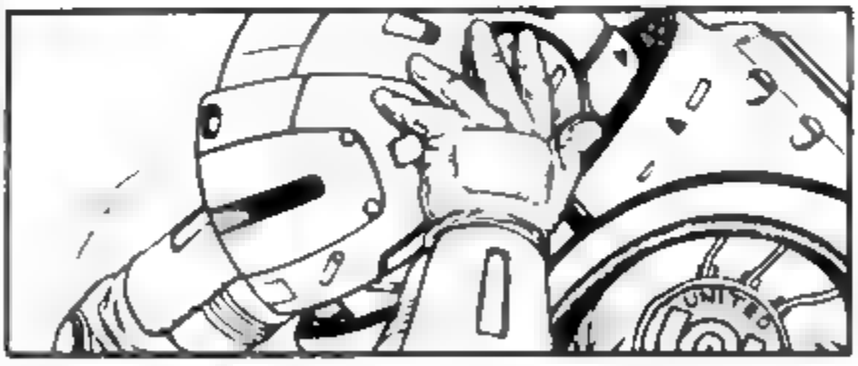

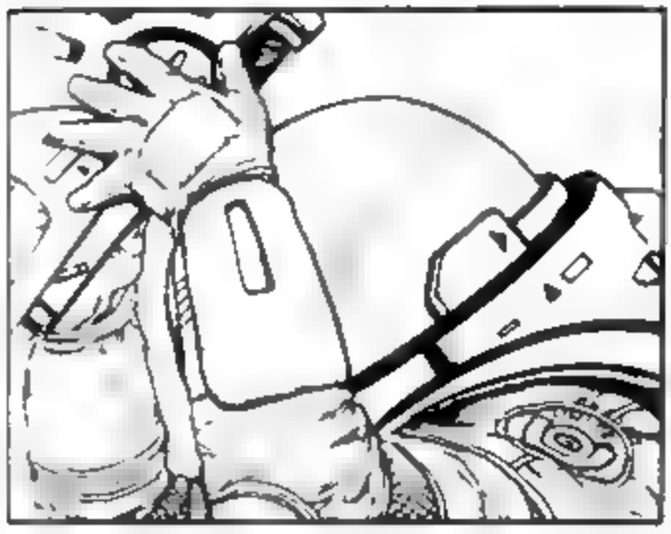

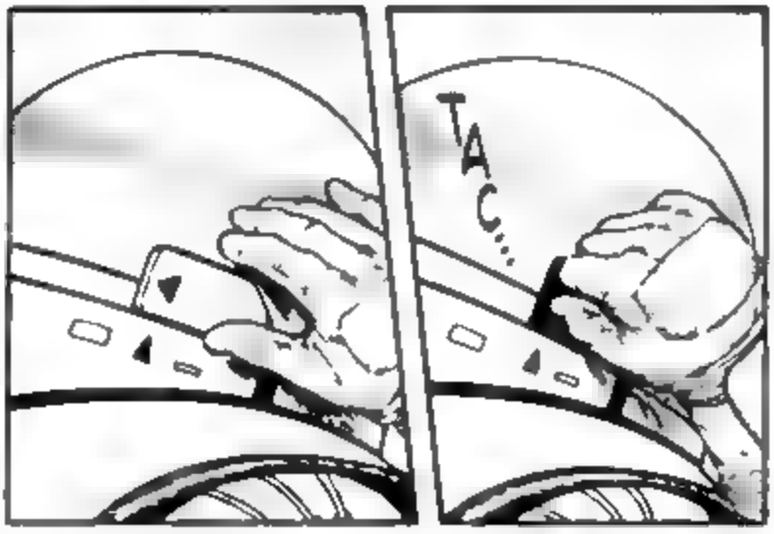
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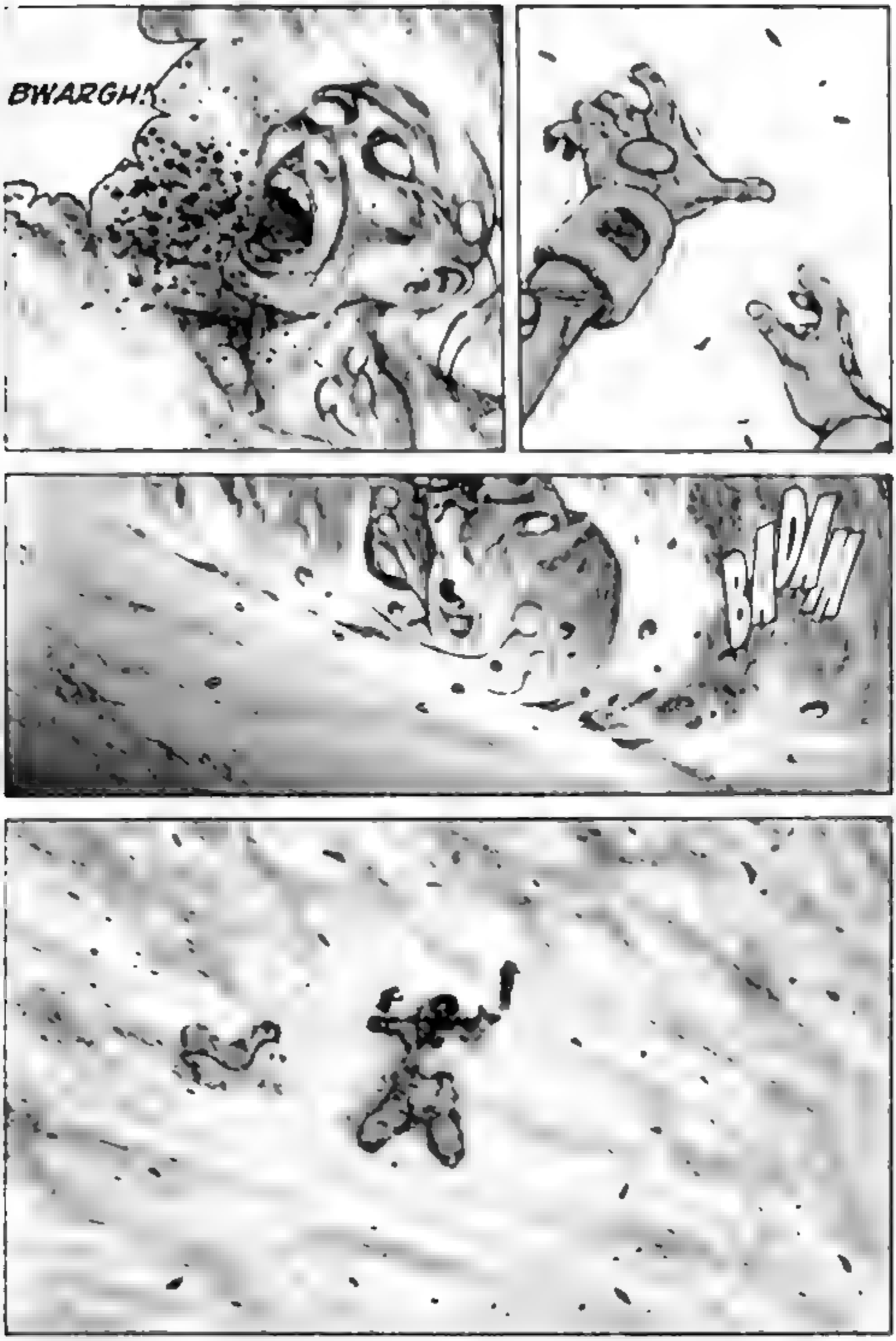

BWARGH!
BLAM

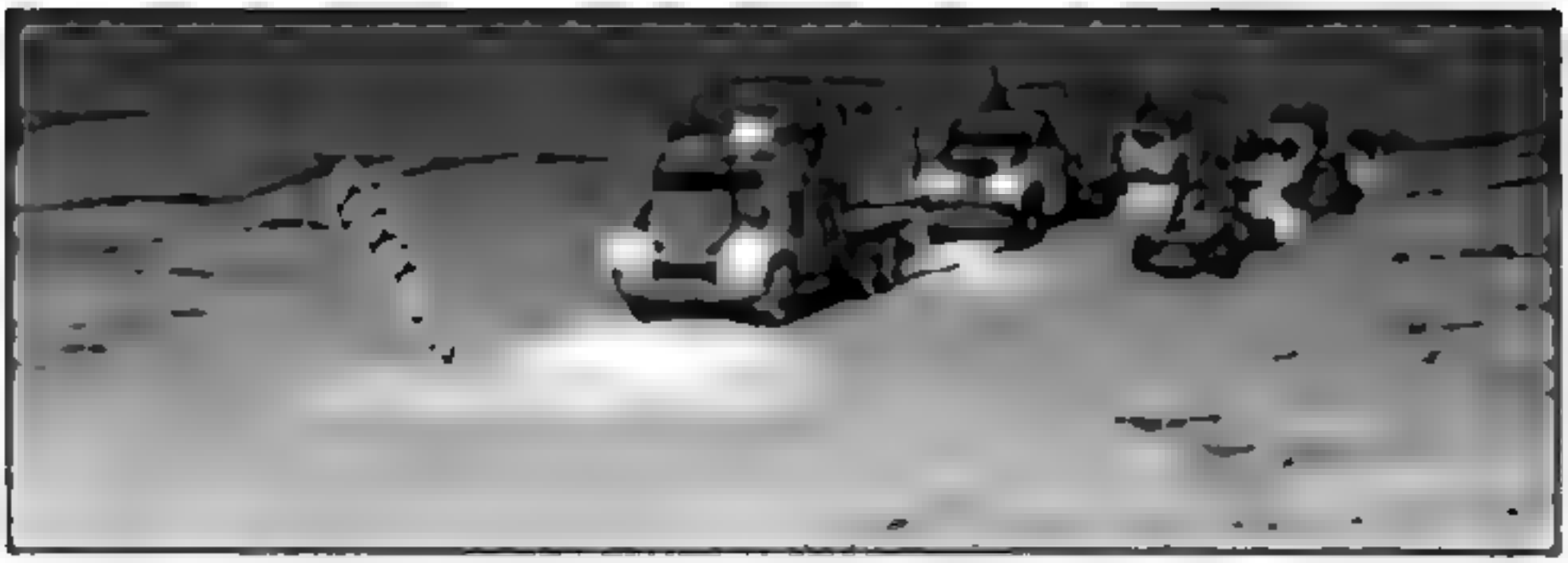
FRROUUUUUU

IF WE MOVE UNDER THIS
FOR NOW, WE SHOULD DIG A HOLE UNDER THE CAR TO TAKE SHELTER
THEN, WE'LL HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN BEING BURIED UNDER TONS OF SAND OR SUFFOCATING

GROAN GROAN GROAN...
SUCH RAIN AFTER SO MANY YEARS ...
IT'S A REAL DISASTER. THE WEATHER IS COMPLETELY DISTURBED.
ANYWAY ...
WE SHOULD SEND A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE!
AS MANY OF THE TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY EPOCH 22 ...
IF WE REORGANIZE THE AVAILABLE ONES FROM NOW ON ...
IT'LL TAKE US ONE DAY AT LEAST ...
DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEN
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR CONFERENCE

KIKA
BRAOWWM
EVEN IF WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATED THOSE "HARATO" ...
WE'RE STILL NOT CALM ...
IT MUST BE ARCTURUS OR SPICA ..
HM... MAYBE NORTH-WEST ?
SO IF I'M NOT WRONG ...
THE NORTH SHOULD BE THIS WAY ...

WHAT'S WRONG ?
I HEAR THE NOISE OF AN ENGINE
WHO COULD BE PASSING BY HERE AT THIS HOUR ?
YES, I HEAR IT TOO !
TCHAC
HUHU! MAYBE IT'S THE RESCUE TEAM?



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SLAM

SLAM

ME•
?

ME!

BANG

*MOTHER EARTH

IT SUCKS

WAIT THEY LOOK DIFFERENT

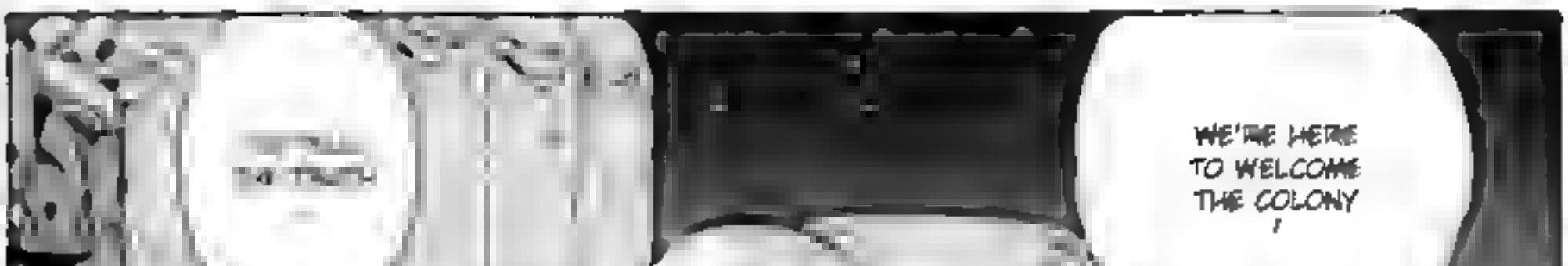
IT'S TRUE
...
THEY DON'T
HAVE THE
MILITARY
UNIFORM
IN FACT... IT'S

OUR CAR HAD A PROBLEM

AND WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER, WE'RE REALLY IN DEEP SHIT!

PLEASE, OLD MAN! MAY YOU BRING US TO THE NEAREST TOWN ?

UNFORTUNATELY, WE WON'T GO TO ANY TOWN


WE'RE HERE TO WELCOME THE COLONY !

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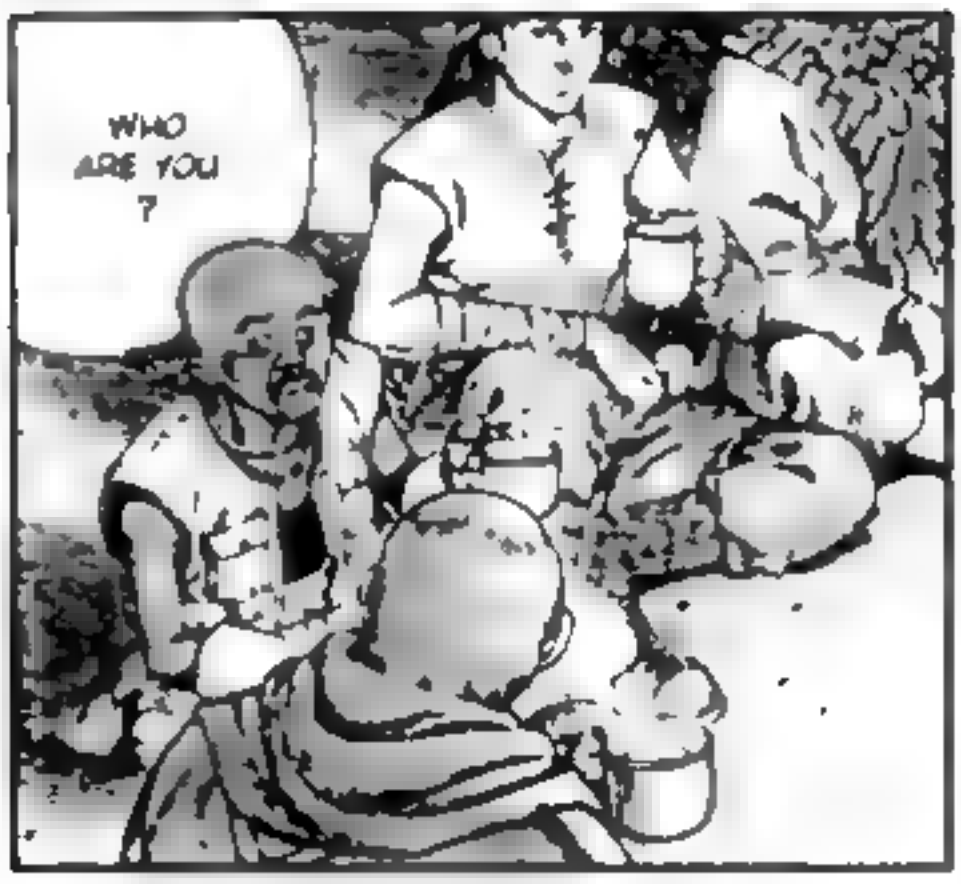
MMM


WHO ARE YOU ?

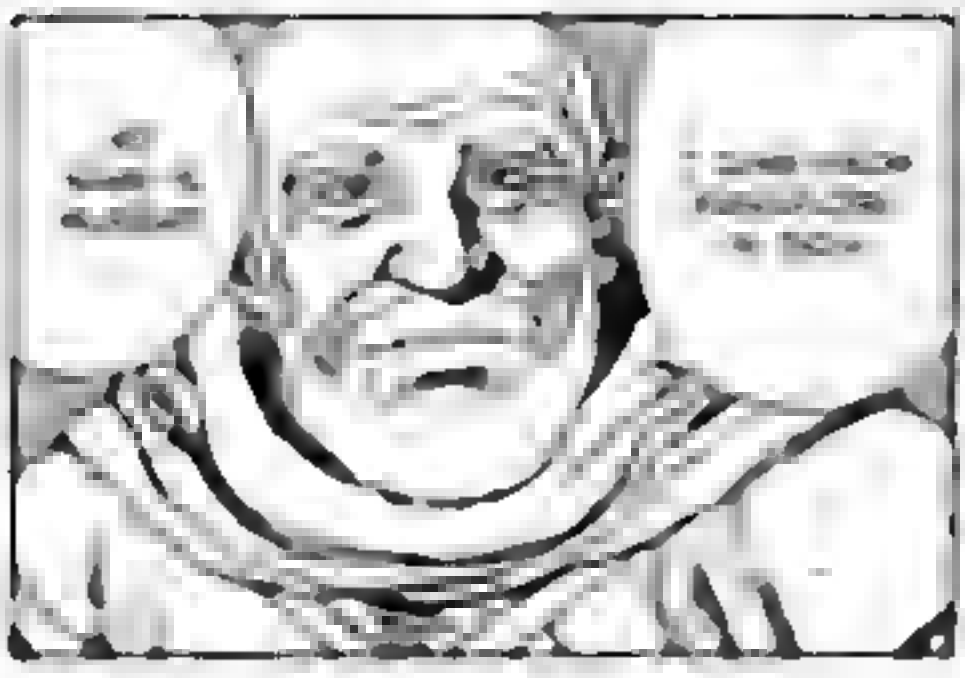
YOU'RE GONNA MEET SOMEONE THERE?

YES

THAT'S WHERE OUR FAMILY IS, THE ONE FROM MOTHER EARTH

BUT DON'T
THE ORIGINAL

AND THE ONE NEXT TO HIM IS PAZ, FROM BOLIVIA



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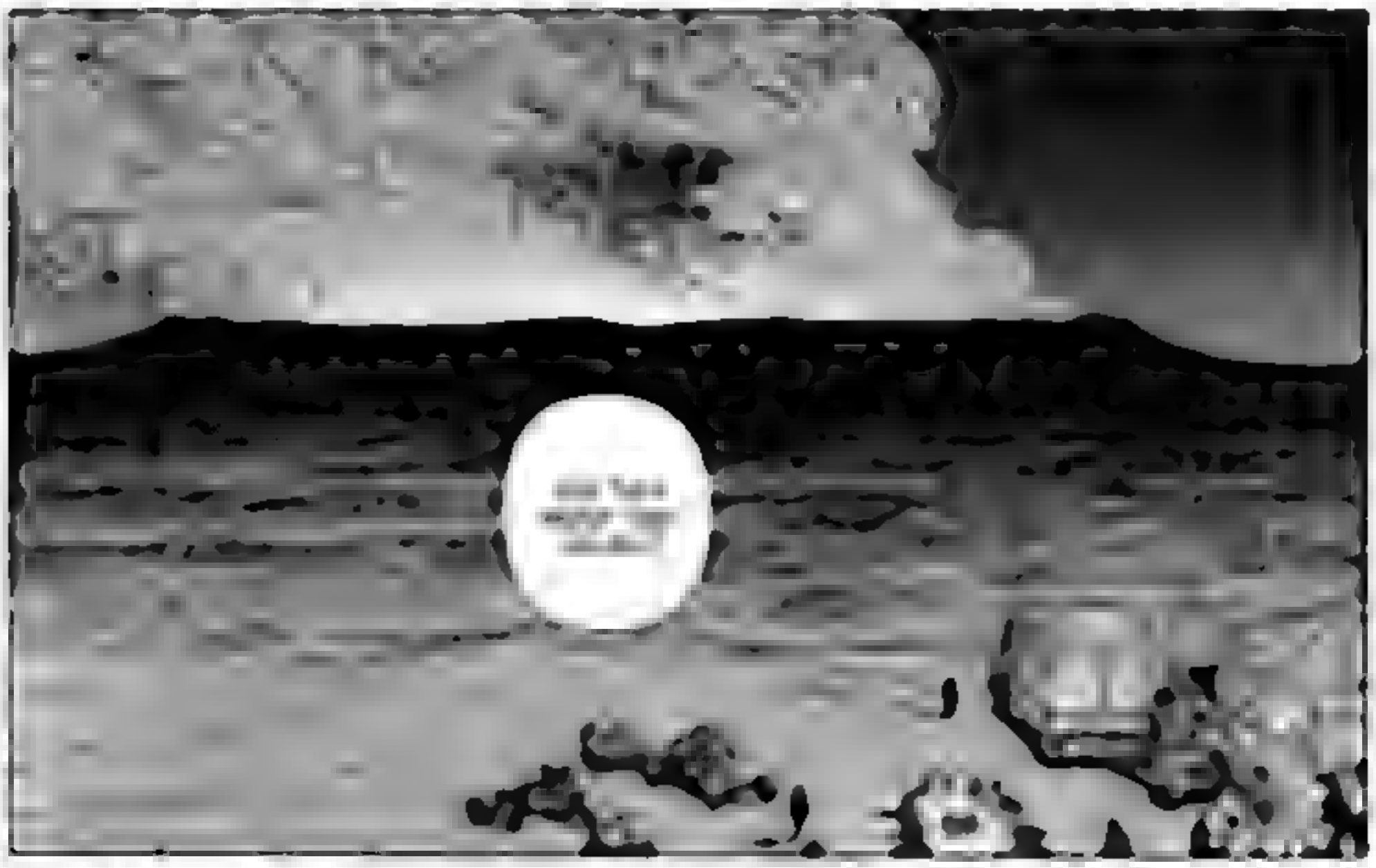

HA!?
YOU ALL KNEW THAT THAT THING WOULD CRASH ON EARTH!?

WE TOLD THEM ABOUT THE PEACE TALKS!

THAT'S WHY

S... SO THAT THING DIDN'T CRASH BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FUEL OR SOMETHING

I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE THEY ORBITED FOR TOO LONG

EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS THE "GREAT RETURN", SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T COME BACK TO EARTH FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS

IT'S ONLY TODAY THAT THEY COME BACK TO THEIR NATIVE PLANET

I WAS ONE OF THE REPATRIATED

DO YOU KNOW THE NUMBER OF

ONLY FIVE COLONIES WERE ABLE TO GO THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE

?

TWO OF THEM LANDED IN AMERICA ..

ONE IN EUROPE AND ONE IN CHINA ..

AND THE ONE WHICH LANDED OVER HERE, IS...

UNITED ORBIT-57

!

BUT .. IT'S OURS...

IT'S THE COLONY WE LIVED ON!

WHAT ?!

!!

HO HO... IT'S WONDERFUL!

WHAT A CHANCE! IT'S TOO BEAUTIFUL TO BE TRUE

IF YOU WANT ...

YOU CAN ACCOMPANY US TO WELCOME THE NEWCOMERS

THE ME'S CENTRE FOR THE COLONIES ..

IS LOCATED ON UNITED ORBIT-57

IT WAS PLANNED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT IT WOULD LAND NEAR THE PEACE TALKS

DO YOU KNOW IF AMONGST THEM ..

YOU WANT NEWS FROM YOUR CLOSE RELATIONS? DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH

TIME HAS PASSED ... IT SEEMS THEY HAD CONFLICTS, TOO, IN ADDITION TO .. THE NATURAL DEMOGRAPHIC ...

ANYWAY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHEN THAT NEW ME WAS BORN

귀

MOTHER EARTH, WE BECOME THE GRAINS OF EARTH FOR YOU AND WE'LL LIVE FOREVER!

WE BECOME THE GRAINS OF EARTH FOR YOU

MOTHER EARTH, WE BECOME THE GRAINS OF EARTH FOR YOU

BUT... EVEN IF THE CHANCES ARE THAT SMALL WHY DID YOU

ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'RE NOT SURE TO FIND YOUR

THEY DEEPLY

OUR WORLD!

AND WE CAME HERE TO FOLLOW THE SAME PATH

THE INHABITANTS OF THE COLONY CAME TO COVER THE DESERT WITH GRASS!

WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE OUR BASEMENT CAMP JUST HERE...

AND WHEN THE TEMPERATURE AROUND THE COLONY WILL BE BEARABLE, WE'LL GO TO WELCOME THEM

BUT YOU, WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ?

IF YOU WANT, WE CAN GIVE YOU SOME FUCC

...

HARATO ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF GOING BACK TO SATOKO ?

THE PEOPLE OF THE PEACE TALKS THINK WE'RE DEAD BECAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION OF EPOCH22
WE'RE GONNA LIVE PEACEFULLY IN AN ISOLATED PLACE

PFF! ME? LIVE PEACE-FULLY?!

MOM... I KILLED A LOT OF [redacted]

IT'S TOO LATE TO PAY MY DEBT

I'D BETTER GET KILLED SOMEWHERE !

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT NOW ...

IS THE NUMBER OF THOSE CRAZY PEOPLE I'LL BE ABLE TO GET KILLED ALONG WITH ME!

WHAT IF YOU KILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE TALKS AND THE COMMANDER OF ME AND E ...

IT'LL CHANGE NOTHING! THERE WILL ALWAYS BE REPLACEMENTS

I'LL KILL THEM TOO ...

AND ONE DAY, SOMEONE GOOD WILL SEND ME TO HELL

...

WHY DO YOU THINK YOUR LIFE HAS NO IMPORTANCE ?!

HARATO

I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!

YOU'RE RIGHT ON SOME POINTS

THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE CHANGED

BUT YOU MUSTN'T BE IMPRISONED BY YOUR PAST

WHY NOT CONFRONT YOUR DESTINY

WHY NOT LOOK FORWARD ?

WHAT HAPPENED TO KAZUKI ?

HE'S DEAD

IT WAS ON THE WAY BACK..

WITH MY HANDS, I... I

I DIDN'T HAVE THE CHOICE

TSUMURI IS DEAD TOO.

AND YOUR LAST SON IS IN FRONT OF YOU

MOM.. YOUR QUEST HAS ENDED

YOU SHOULD GO AND LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH SATOKO

YOU KNOW

SOONER OR LATER, BOYS MUST QUIT THEIR PARENTS

...
MOREOVER, I'M NOT A KID WHO NEEDS TO BE BROODED BY HIS MOTHER ANYMORE
..

I DON'T DESERVE IT ANYWAY

...

THE NEXT MORNING

SARAAAAH, WAKE UP!

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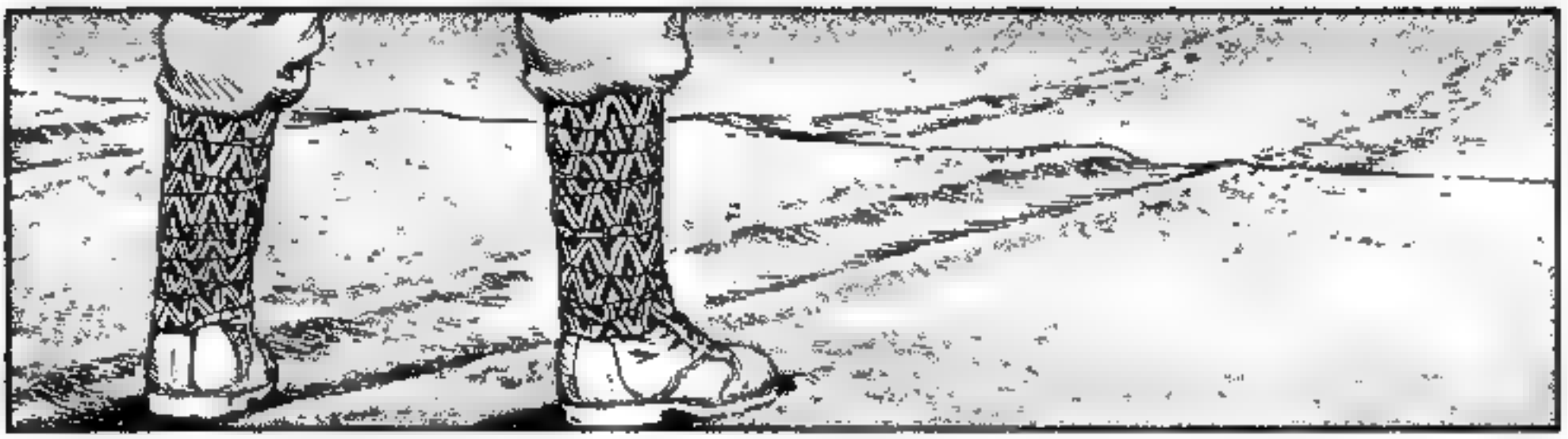
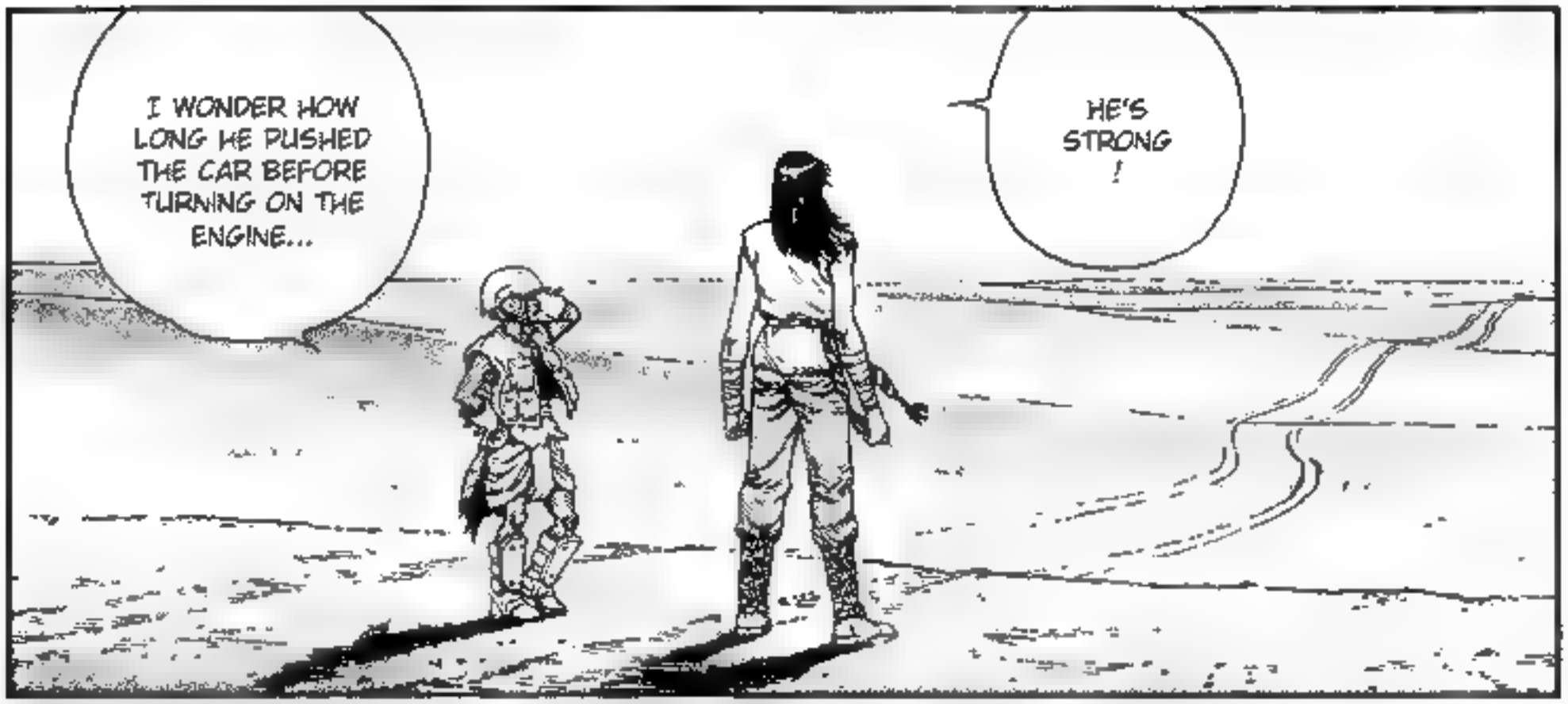
IT'S NO TIME TO SLEEP!

HARATO IS GONE AFTER STEALING A JEEP!




I WONDER HOW LONG HE PUSHED THE CAR BEFORE TURNING ON THE ENGINE...
HE'S STRONG !

HARATO ...

!
AH!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO APOLOGIZE ..

ABOUT THE CAR, WE DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE

SO DON'T WORRY, MADAM

HE LEFT ALL THE MATERIALS THAT WERE IN IT

BUT NOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF DOING ?

YOU WANT TO LOOK FOR HIM ?

YEAH! WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO SARAH ?

I GUESS HE'S GONE ...

TO BYRON !

... DAMN !

WHY DOES HE HAVE TO RISK HIS LIFE LIKE THAT?!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY ... BUT WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT SARAH?

WAIT ?

THEY'RE GONNA CATCH US FOR SURE IF WE GO NOW!

WE SHOULD WAIT SOME MORE, OKAY ?

YEAH, THREE OR FOUR DAYS, THAT'LL BE ENOUGH

SARAH, ALL THE WORLD WILL BOIL

AND NOT ONLY BYRON

IT MAY BE TOO LATE, EVEN WHEN EVERYONE WILL BE HERE

PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD ...

WHY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT MESS?

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK FOR HIM LIKE YOU WANT

DON'T YOU THINK SO?

...

HI HI... I SMELL MONEY

LUCK IS AT LAST WITH ME

HE HE!

BWWIIIN

SCHLIK

IT'S NO TIME TO DITHER ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PATROLS EACH SIDE HAS...

THINK A BIT ABOUT IT!

BUT WE'VE ALREADY MOBILIZED OUR GUARDS FOR THE PARLIAMENT !

THE NUMBER OF EPOCH SOLDIERS .

DOESN'T EVEN REACH THE HALF OF OURS..

LISTEN! OUR PROBLEM IS THE TIME ...

I WANT YOU TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

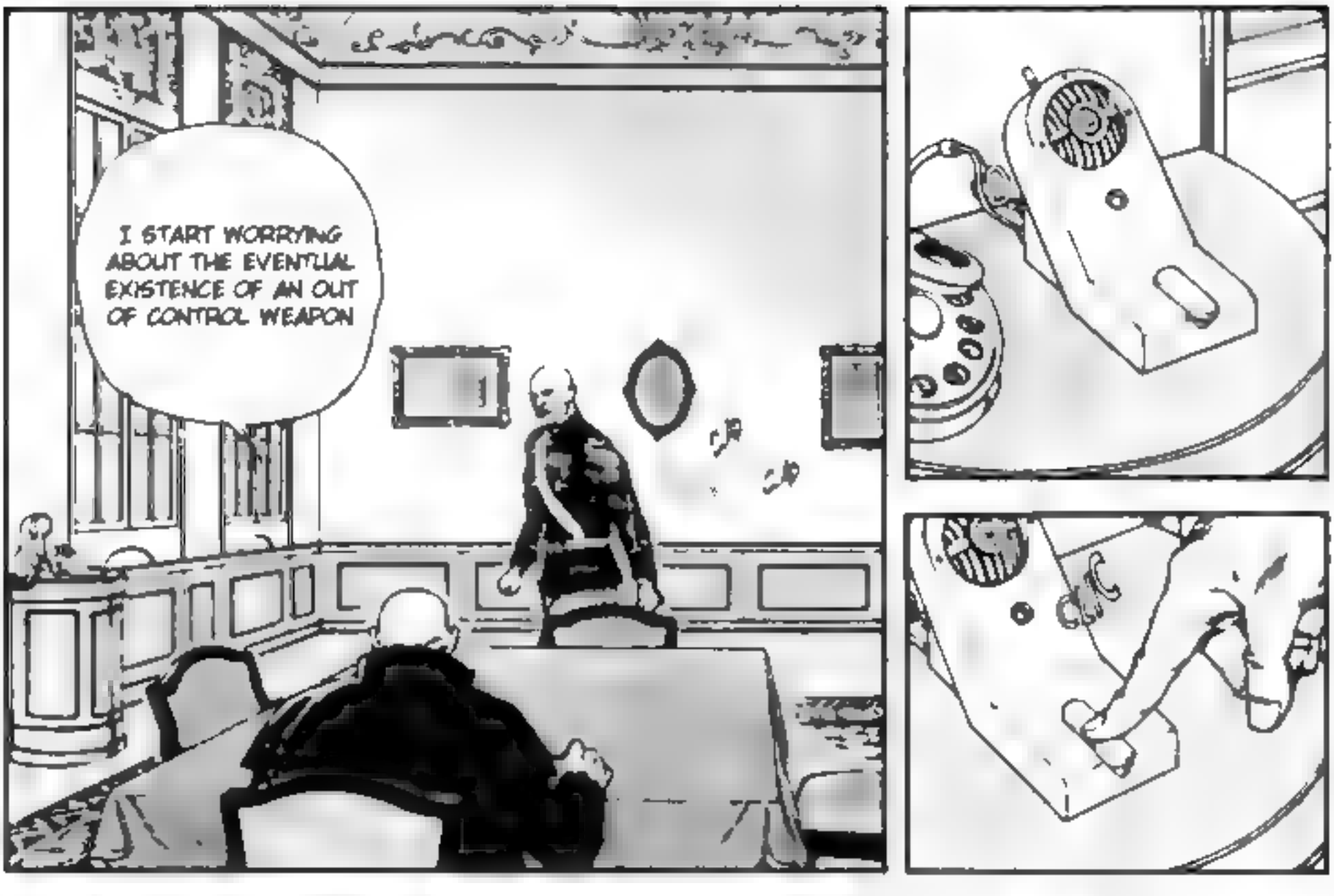
AND I'LL WATCH FOR THE REMAINING SOLDIERS OF EPOCH TO FOLLOW YOU ...

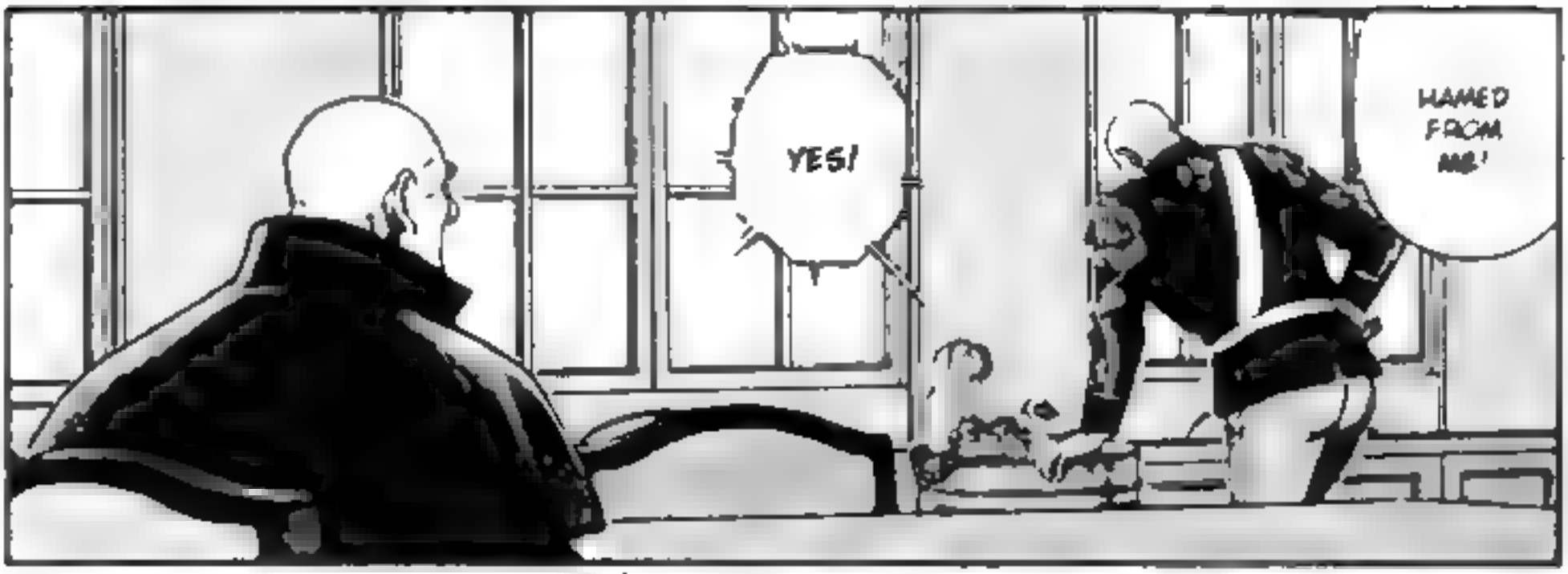
IT'S AN ORDER!

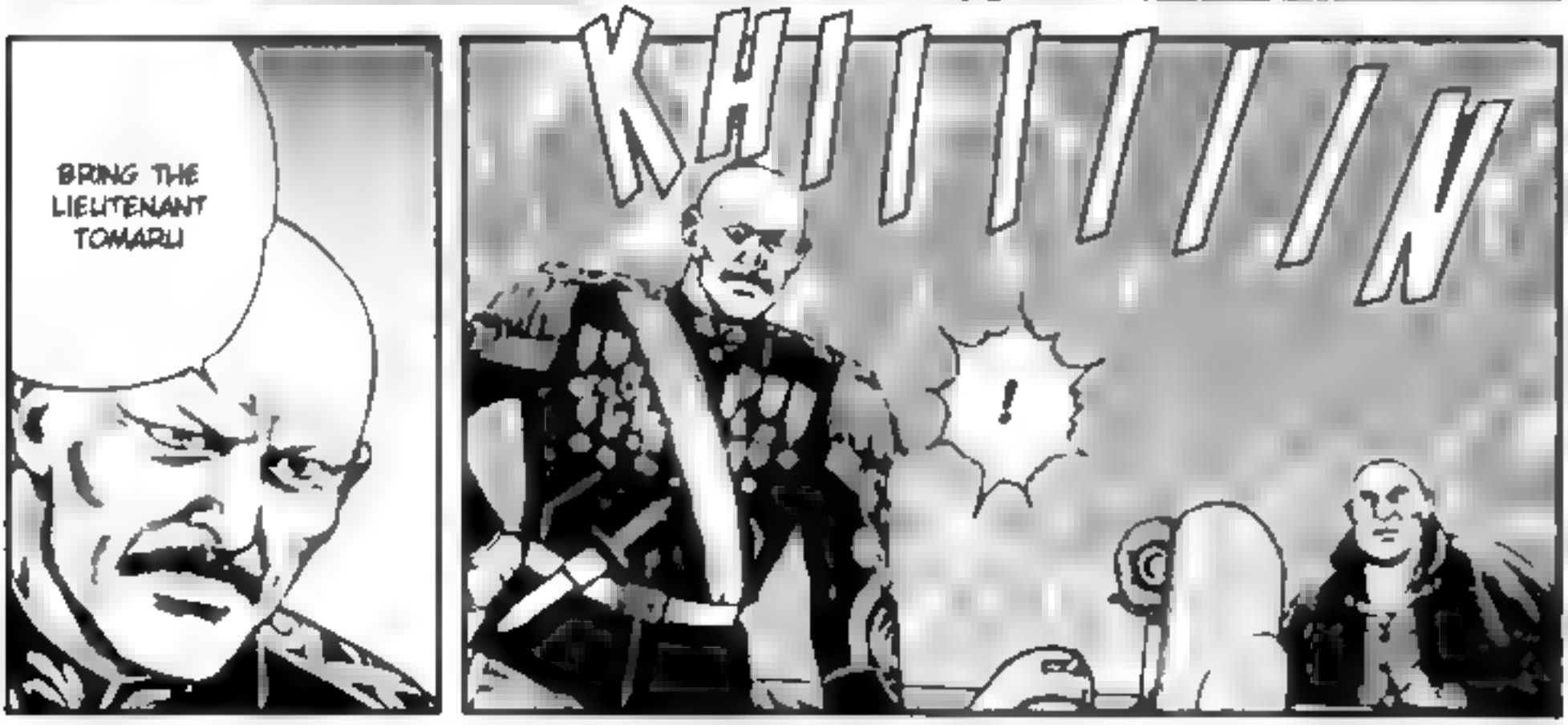
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY ?

IF THERE ARE SURVIVORS, THEY'LL CONTACT US

THE EPOCH 22 DISASTER MAY HAPPEN AGAIN


I START WORRYING ABOUT THE EVENTUAL EXISTENCE OF AN OUT OF CONTROL WEAPON


YES!
HAMED FROM ME!


BRING THE LIEUTENANT TOMARU
KHIIIIIN
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WHAT'S THAT?

STOP IT!

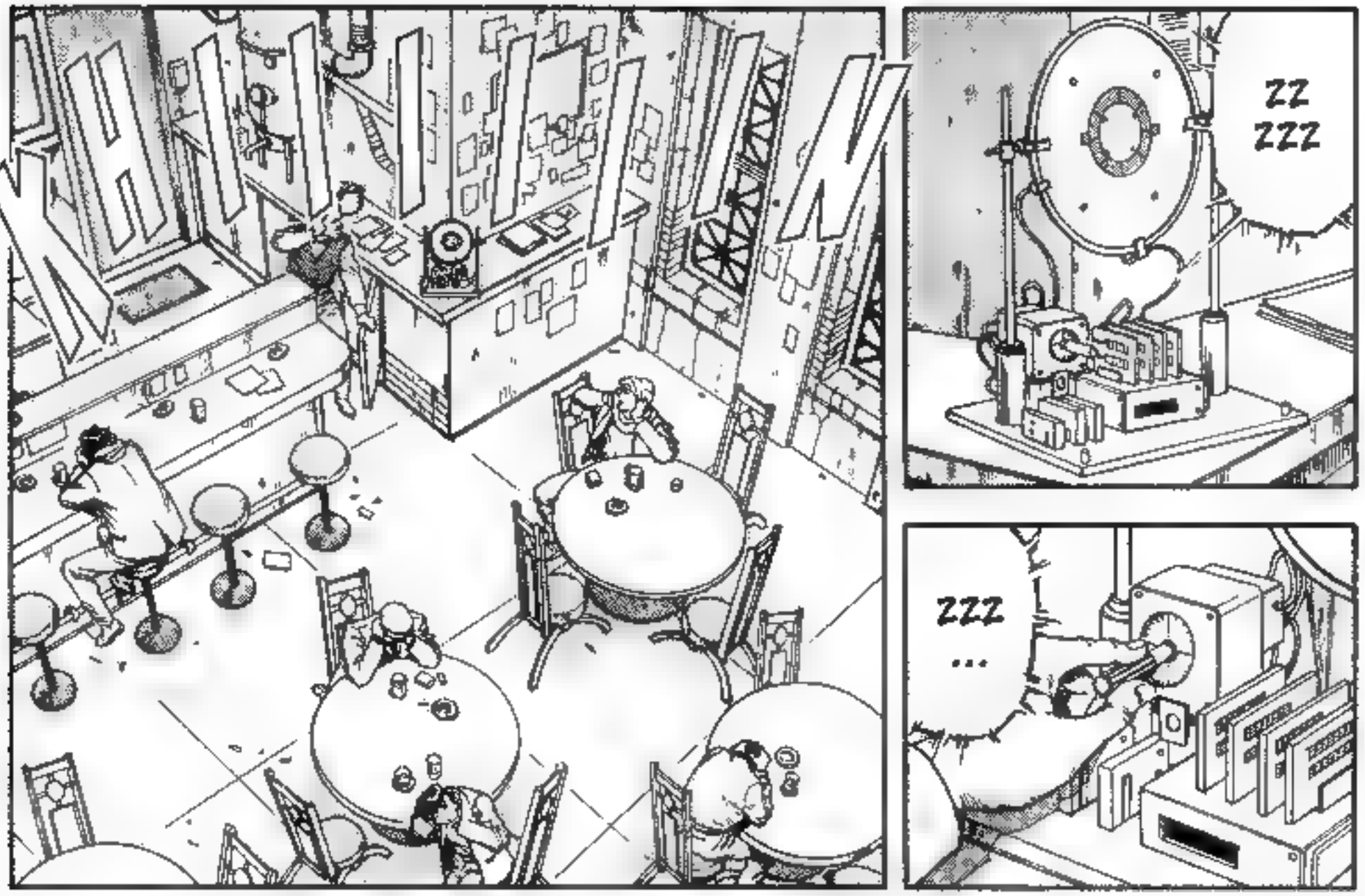
IMPOSSIBLE!

SHIT, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ?

ARG ...

STOOOP!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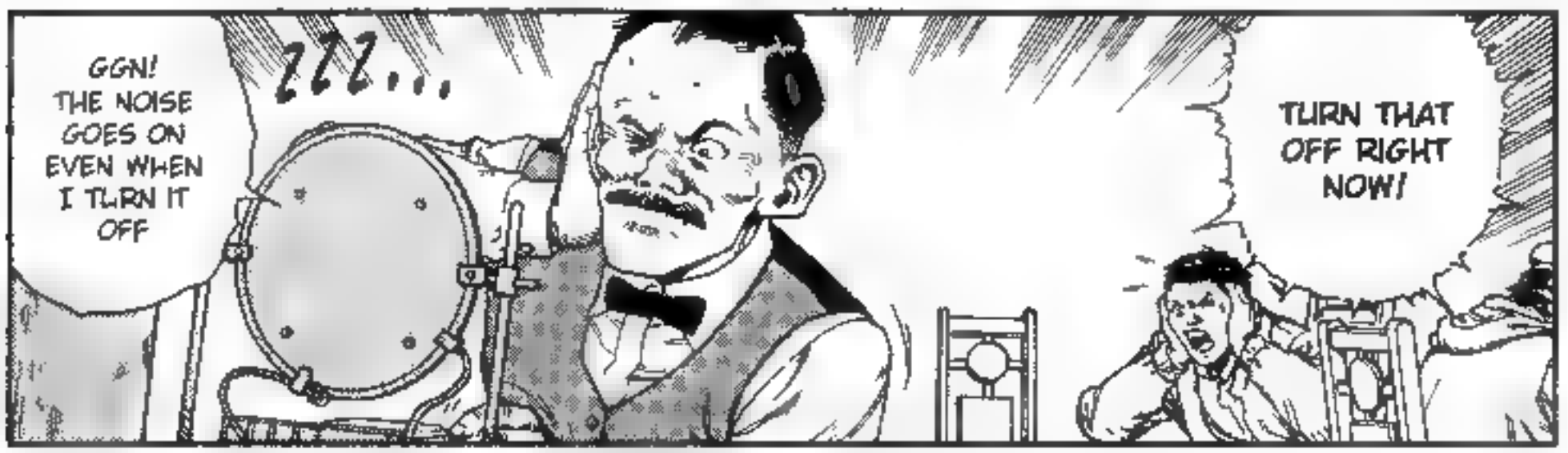
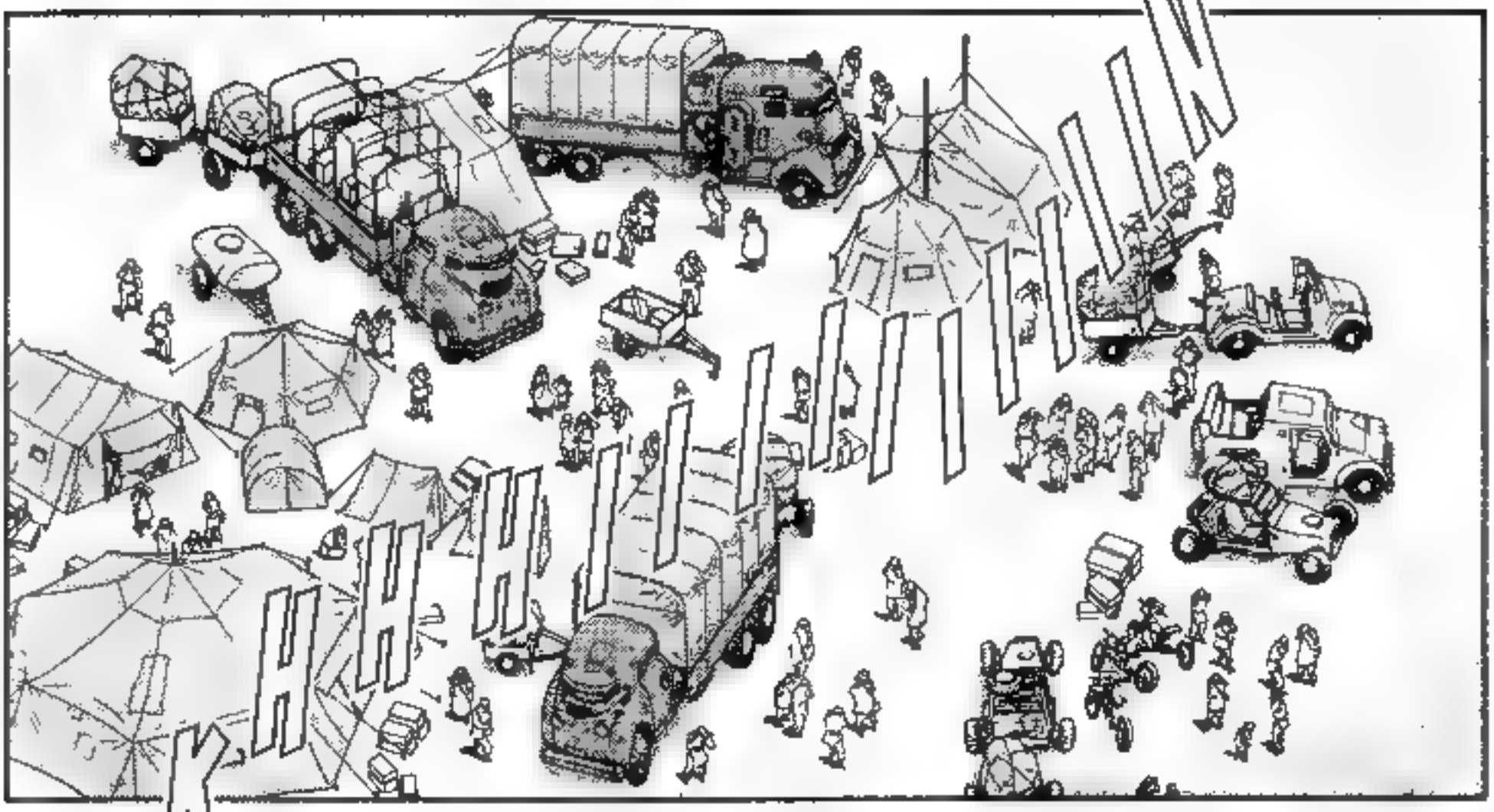

GGN!
THE NOISE GOES ON EVEN WHEN I TURN IT OFF
zzz...
TURN THAT OFF RIGHT NOW!

WAAAH!
STOOP!
KHH
PI...
PITY!


AHHHHHHHHH!!!

THEY'VE AWOKEN

AWOKEN ?

FRIENDS OF EARTH, WE FINALLY RETURN AFTER A LONG ABSENCE...

OOH!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

!

WE'RE THE DOZEN MEMBERS

OF THE MOTHER EARTH UNION OF THE SPATIAL COLONIES COMMITTEE.

MY GOD! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

SHH! LISTEN TO THEM!

WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR STARTING THE PEACE TALKS!

THIS REPRESENTS THE FIRST STEPS TO THE REBIRTH OF HUMANITY...

THE LAST HOPE FOR THE HUMAN RACE!

WHAT'S THAT TWELVE MEMBERS COMMITTEE?

BROUHAHA

IS THAT MOTHER EARTH DIFFERENT FROM ME?

BROUHAHA

WE, THE MOTHER EARTH UNION OF THE SPATIAL COLONIES CAME BACK TO OUR NATIVE EARTH...

TO ENTRUST OUR DESTINY TO THIS ULTIMATE HOPE.

...SO IT WASN'T A JOKE

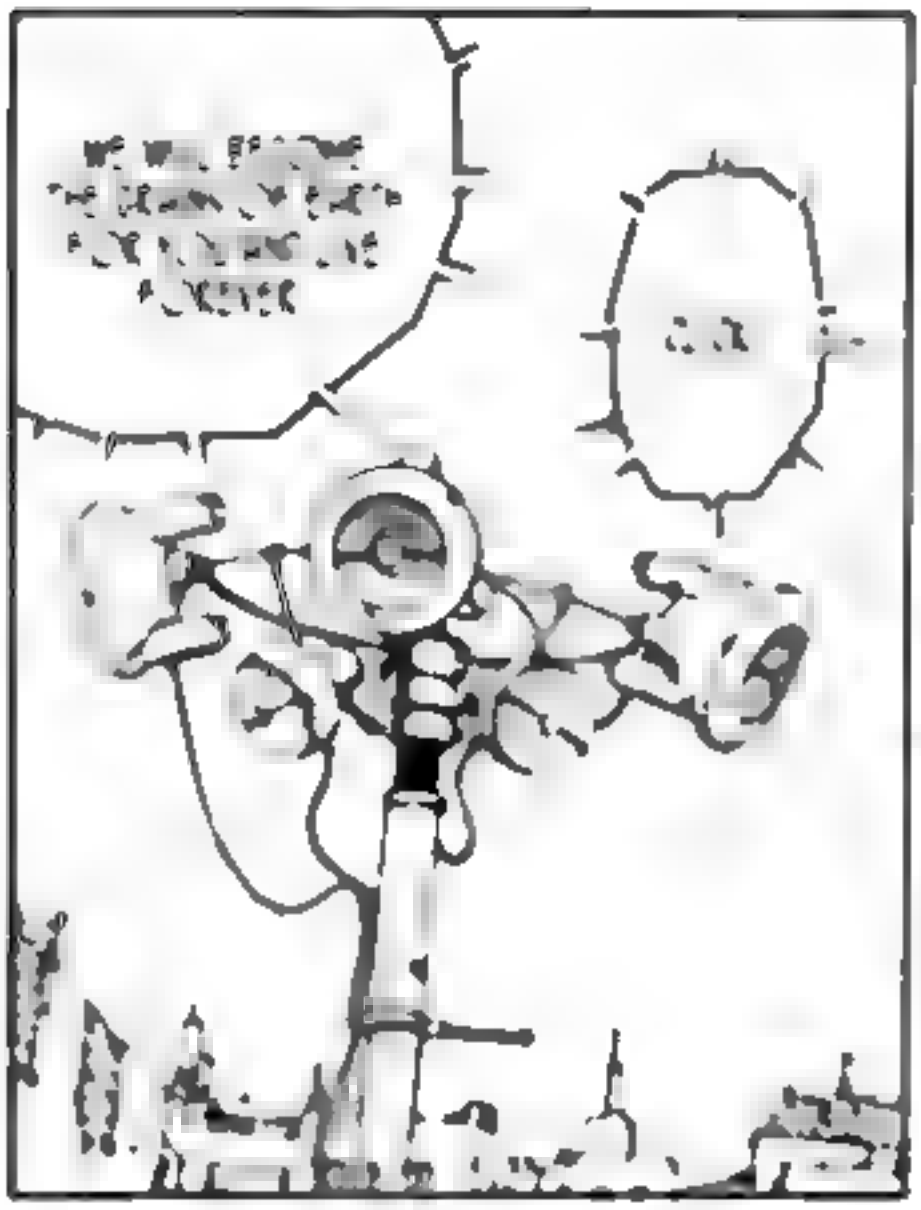
HUMBLY, WE ASK MR. HANS BELGOURD, PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE TALKS...

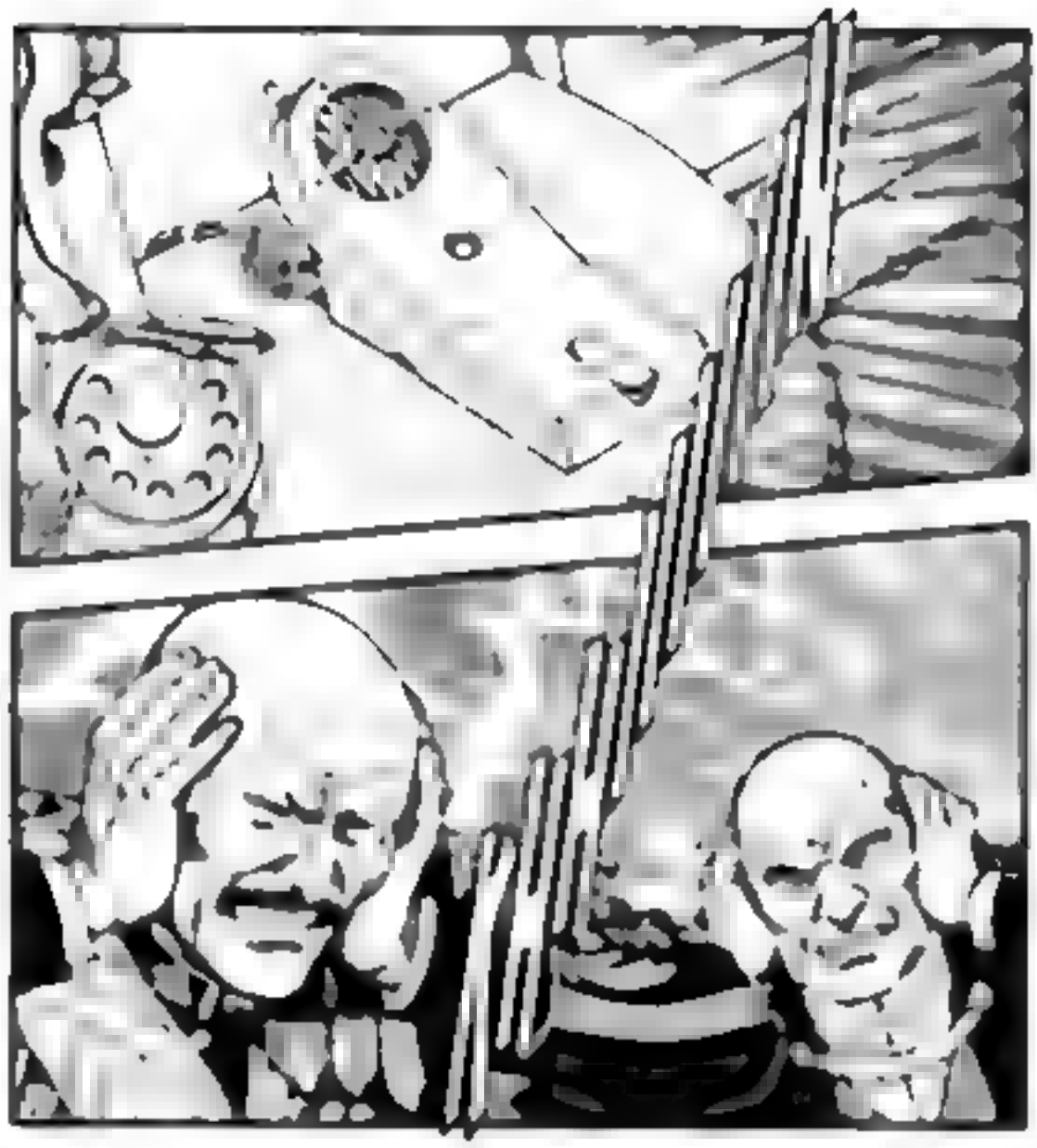
!!

TO ACCEPT THE PARTICIPATION OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THIS CONFERENCE!

FIRST "HARATO", NOW THEM!

OUR WISH IS TO BRING PEACE, LOVE AND FERTILE SOIL TO OUR PLANET WHICH IS IN SUCH AN APPALLING STATE!





IT WAS AN IDEA WHICH FELL INTO DISUSE...

CRAC

GODDAMN IT! WHAT WAS THAT BROADCAST?!

THEIR NAME IS MOTHER EARTH, HUH?

COMMANDER HAMED, I'D LIKE SOME EXPLANATIONS!!

VRROUUUM

!

PSST

PSST

SPEED

F E

SHIT!

VLAM

SHLAP

FLOUUUUU

SCHLA

Byron, center of the Peace Talks.

IN TOTAL, FIVE COLONIES HAVE BEEN COUNTED

THE ONE WHICH CRASHED AROUND INDIANAPOLIS WAS HALF DESTROYED.

IT SEEMS THERE ARE A DOZEN SURVIVORS, BUT WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN.

IT SEEMS ANOTHER ONE FELL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.

FOR NOW, WE HAVE NOT FOUND ANY SIGNS OF LIFE.

THE ONE WHICH CRASHED AROUND TURIN, IN EUROPE EXPLODED IN FLIGHT.

LASTLY, WE HAVE NO DATA ABOUT THE ONE...

THAT CRASHED NEAR MONGOLIA.

WHAT A DISASTER...

IT'S LIKE GROUP SUICIDE!

MOREOVER ...

ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER REPORT...

SHIELD

WEATHER?

BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESSIVE ENTRANCES INSIDE THE IONOSPHERE AND THE EXPLOSIONS DUE TO THE FALLING WEIGHT, WE NOTICED SOME ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES.

THE EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF CLOUDS COMES FROM THE MASSIVE EXPLOSIONS ESPECIALLY SINCE EACH COLONY WAS ENORMOUS.

OF COURSE!

BAM

A COLONY MUST NOT ENTER THE IONOSPHERE WITH SUCH MODULES...

IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A SUICIDE ATTEMPT!

BUT THEIR SCIENCE ALLOWED THEM TO USE OUR BROADCAST NETWORKS...

MY FEARS ARE SLOWLY BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE.

DON'T FORGET THAT NUMEROUS PEOPLE HAD FAMILY IN THE COLONIES...

IN ORDER TO AVOID THE WORST, WE MUST DO SOME RESEARCH TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTION.

I'VE ALREADY SENT A PATROL THERE!

IT'LL BE ON POINT TOMORROW AT LATEST.

!

WAIT! WE'VE ALSO CREATED ONE...

WASN'T THE DEAL TO SEND PATROLS MADE OF SOLDIERS FROM BOTH SIDES?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE PRESIDENT?! WHY DON'T YOU JUST SEND ONE THERE?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE!

HMMPH...

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN...

THIS LITTLE DELAY WON'T CHANGE THE OPERATION, WHICH WILL BE LEAD BY BOTH SIDES.

WE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AND ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE MADE JOINTLY.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT, OF COURSE.

GENERAL BATES, BE STRAIGHT.

...

WE NEVER PLOT AGAINST YOU.

WEREN'T THE ME COLONIES TRYING TO COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT US?

AND THEY ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE BY CLEARLY NAMING PRESIDENT BELGOURD.

SIGH

DO YOU THINK WE HAVE SPIES IN OUR RANKS?!

GENTLEMEN, CALM DOWN!

GENERAL BATES, I PLEAD YOU ABSTAIN FROM ANY UNJUSTIFIED ACCUSATION...

PRESIDENT, PLEASE SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION ...

I WON'T ALLOW ANY OTHER SEAT AT THE CONFERENCE.

TADAM

NEITHER WILL I!

THIS IS MORE A ME PROBLEM THAN THE ONE OF THE CONFERENCE. SO IT SEEMS LOGICAL...

TO ASK COMMANDER HAMED, FROM THE ME, TO SETTLE WITH T!

WHAT!!

BUT THAT'S WRONG...

IT'S A VERY QUICK CONCLUSION ...

WE'D BETTER ANALYZE ALL THE FACTS.

DO YOU WANT TO IMPOSE THE ME'S PRECEPTS ON EPOCH?

I WILL NEGOTIATE WITH JAE ME NOT YOU

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

BUT WAT GENERAL BATES

CRAC

WHAT A BAS'ARD!

RRRR

RRR

BRRR

WHAT'S GOING ON?

IT'S ANOTHER MOBILIZATION OF THE MB'S TANKS

EVEN THOUGH THE PEACE TALKS ARE ON HOLD

AND THE SOLDIERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT FOOD

RRRRRR

FRANKLY, I DON'T WANNA STARVE BEFORE PEACE.

BRRRRRR

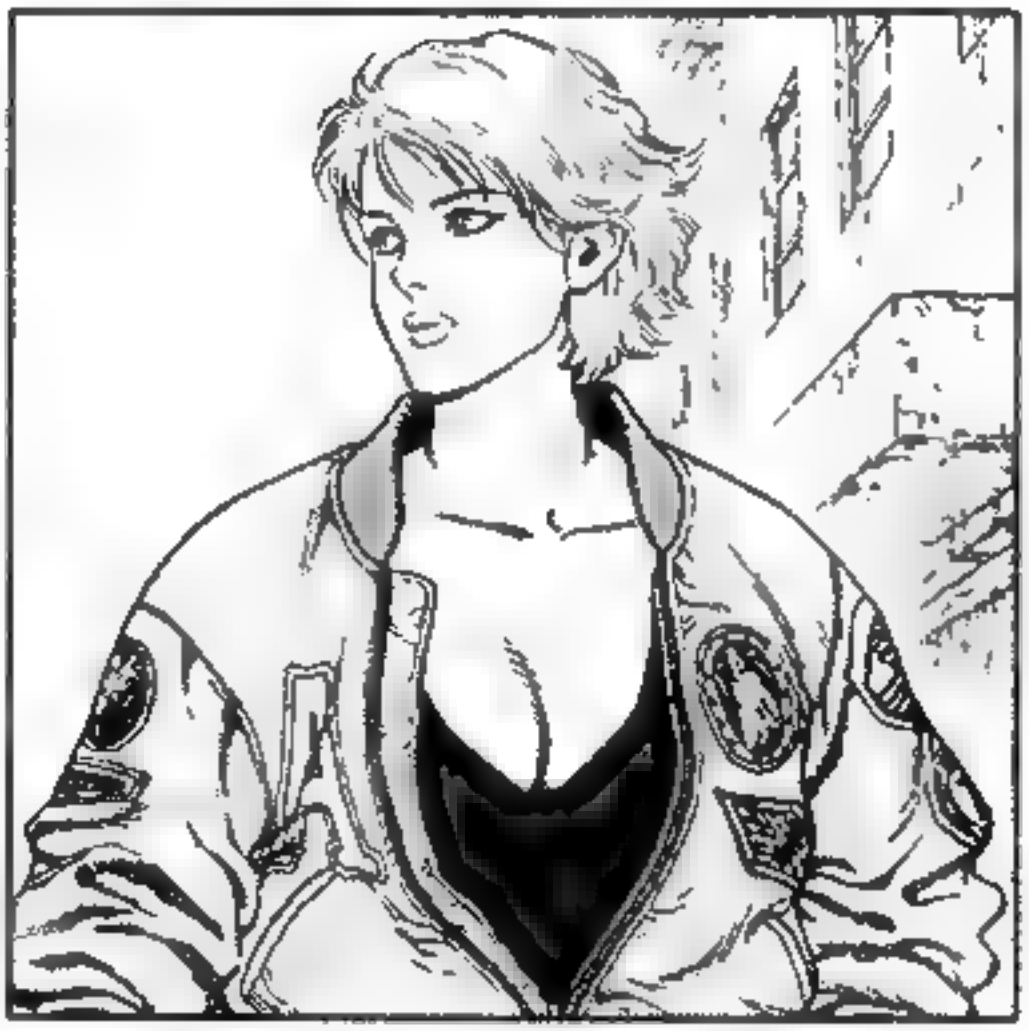
BY THE WAY, IS GOING TO THE COLONY ALLOWED?

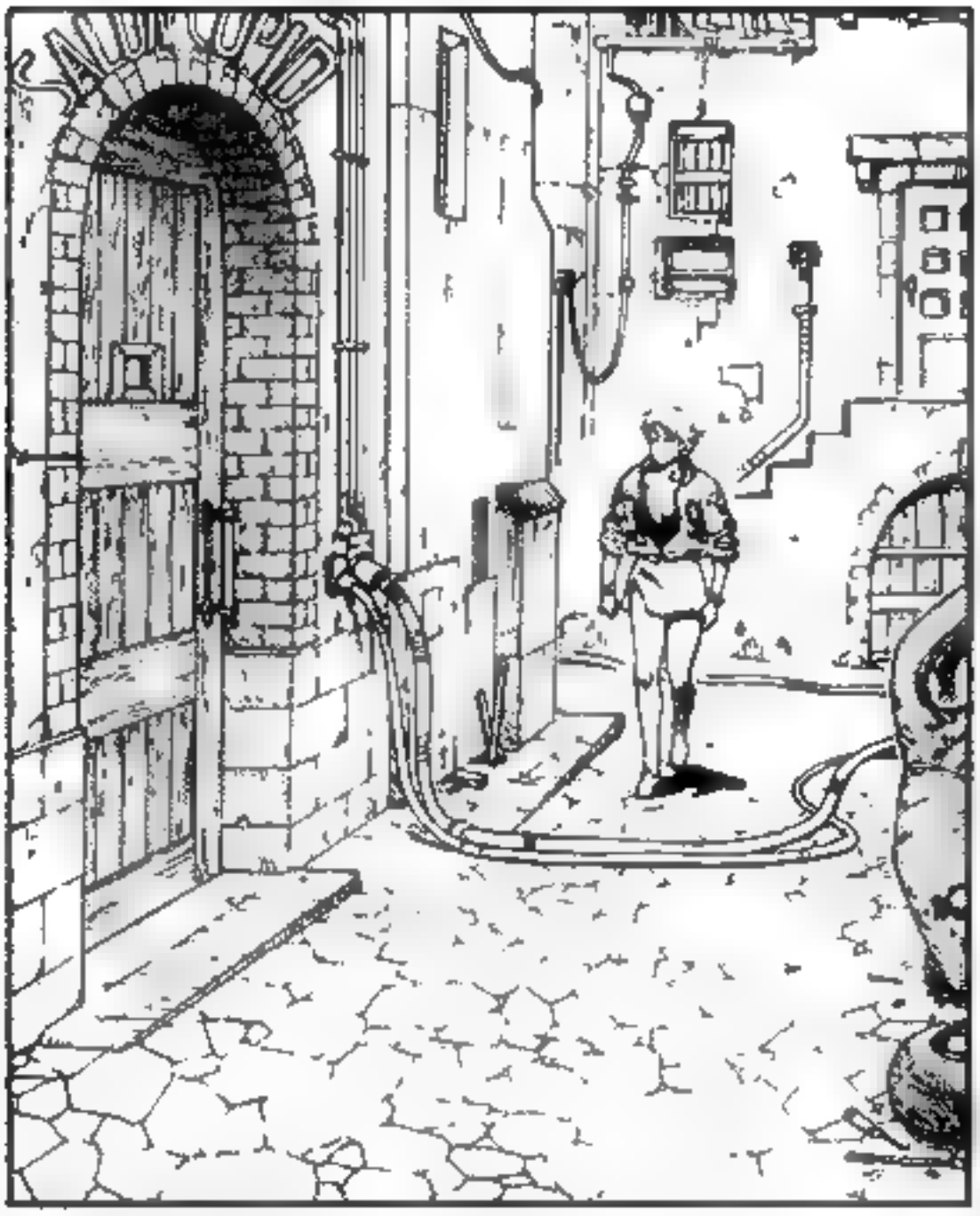
DUNNO .. WE WEREN'T TOLD ANYTHING.

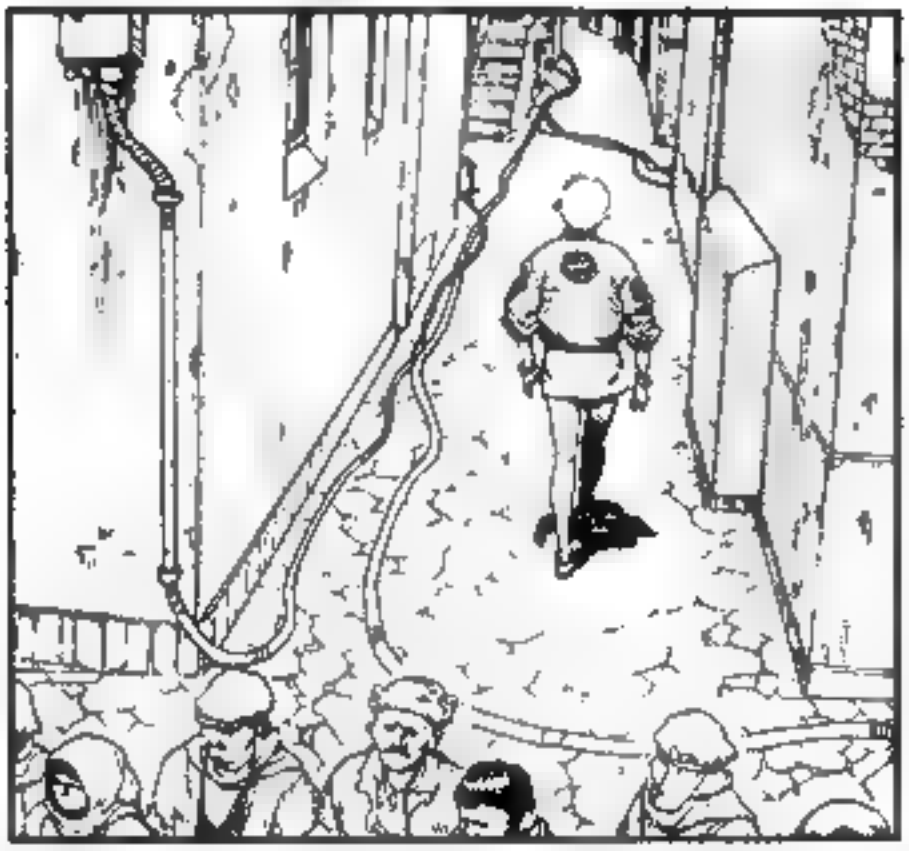
GO IF YOU WANT.

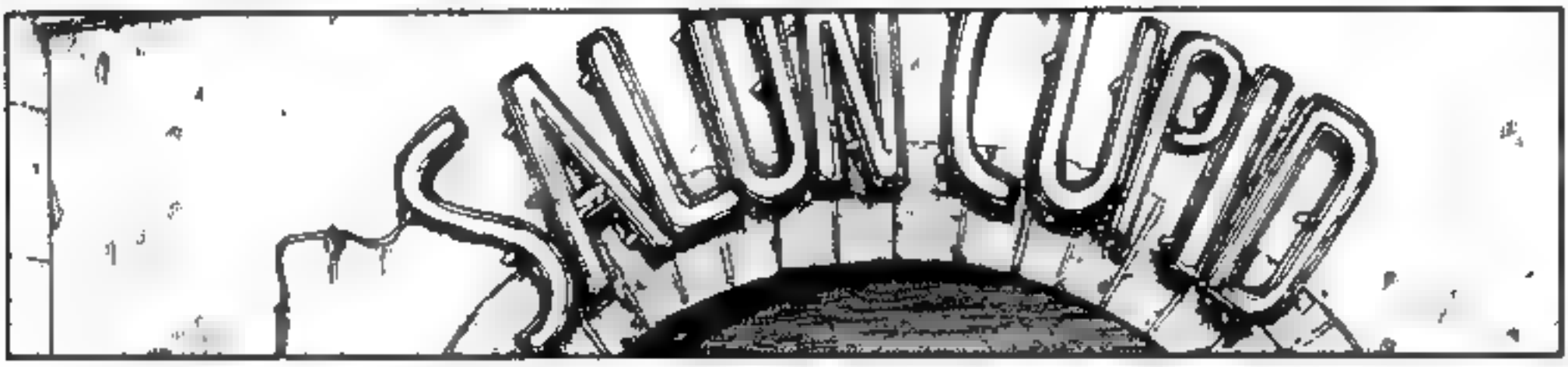
IN FACT, MY WIFE'S FAMILY IS STILL IN A COLONY.

IT'S A LONG WALK THERE.








SALUN CUPID

LAILA!
!

WHO ARE YOU?!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I USED THAT NAME!

SALON CUPID

MY GOD!!

IS THAT YOU?!

HARATO?!

...I HEARD EVERYONE WAS KILLED IN THE FORTRESS...

YEAH, THEY'RE ALL DEAD ...

EXCEPT ME...

...

YOU'RE KIND OF LUCKY...

BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.

SHLAF...

...

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW?

PAF

LAILA...

IT'S RISKY TO STAY IN BYRON.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOUR FACE...

DO YOU HAVE A GUN?

!

FHH
FHH
FHH

OH DAMN!!
THAT'S BIG...

UNITED ORBIT

IT'S DEFINITELY MY COLONY.

SCHLA

SCHLA

SCHLA

?!

HEY! WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!

THERE'S SMOKE EVERYWHERE.

THERE'S STILL STEAM COMING OUT

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

SARAH, ARE Y'ALL CRAZY?!

CR RI SS

DAMN!

IT'S LIKE I'M TALKING TO MY ASS...

HEY! WAIT FOR ME!

CRRIIIIS

BAT

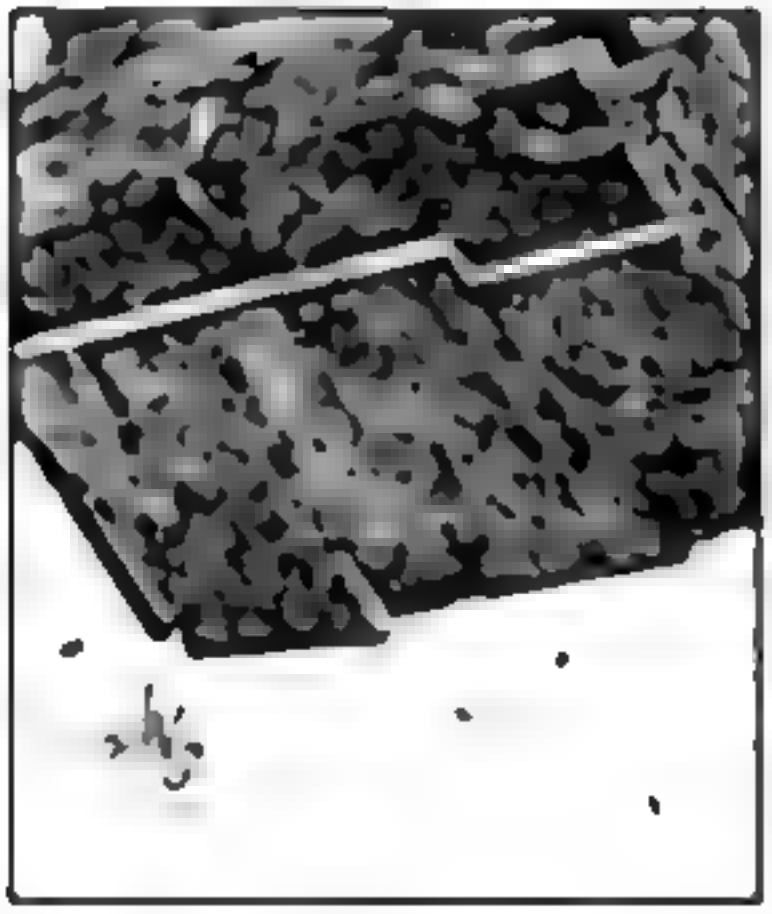
!

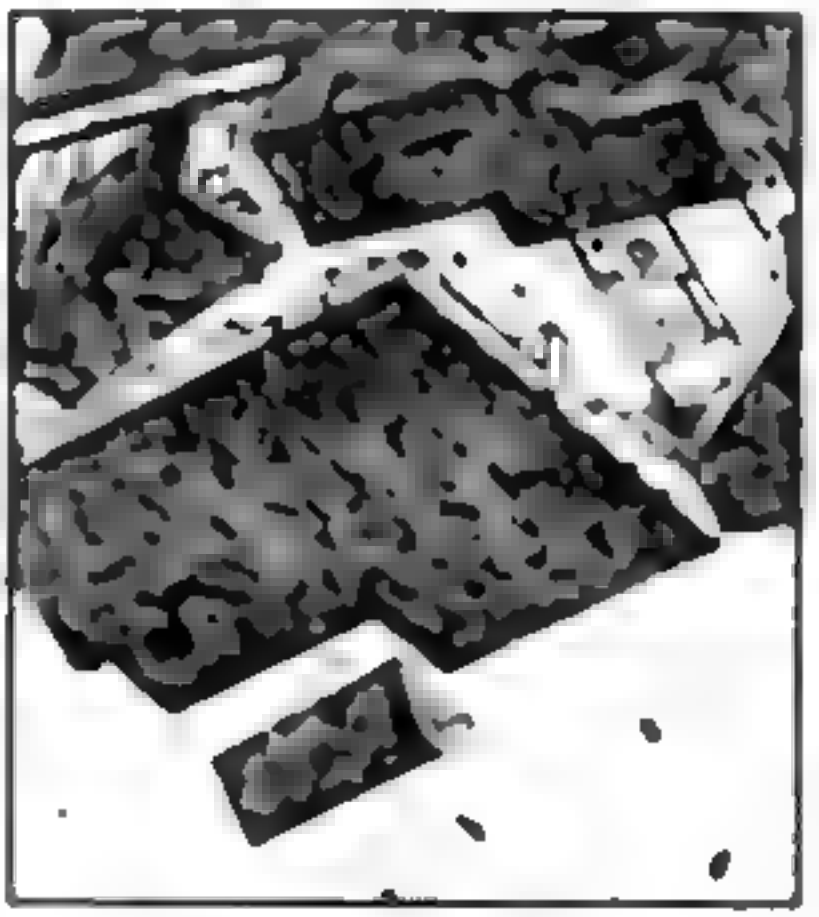
TOOOM!

LOOK AT THAT, SARAH!

IT'S NOT COAL, IT'S A MAN!

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE HERE





AAH!!

BADABOUM

WATCH OUT!!

HUH

THERE'S BANGING FROM INSIDE!

OGASH

AH, IT'S OPENING

?!

OH! THERE ARE PEOPLE INSIDE!

WHOOOAAAAAAAAH!??

aaah

?!

CLK

...

MY NAME'S MUSSADI... I WAS THE ONE YOU CONTACTED

AS A MOTHER EARTH REPRESENTATIVE FROM EARTH, I WELCOME YOU.

EXCUSE ME FOR GREETING YOU IN THIS SUIT.

BUT WE NEED MORE TIME TO GET USED TO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS.

OH... MOTHER EARTH!

WE BECOME THE GRAINS OF EARTH FOR YOU AND WE'LL LIVE FOREVER!

DEAR COMRADES, TIME HAS COME TO APPEASE OUR MATERNAL EARTH.

WE BECOME THE GRAINS ...

AND WE DIG IN EVERYWHERE WHERE THE GROUND IS INEXORABLY ARID.

BRROOOM...

WE'RE 50 MILES AWAY FROM THE COLONY!

WE EXPECT TO ARRIVE AT 6 OR 7 TOMORROW MORNING

IDIOT! WHO TOLD YOU TO SLOW DOWN?

SPEED UP!

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GROUP OF PILGRIMS GOING TO THE CRASH POINT

CRAC

YES SIR WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN BUT

WE'VE HAD TO SLOW DOWN BECAUSE OF THE CROWD

STOP WITH THE EXCUSES!

IN THAT CASE, CUT ACROSS THE DESERT.

THERE WON'T BE ANY OBSTACLES TO SLOW YOU DOWN THERE!

IF WE LEAVE THE ROAD, WE MIGHT BE SWALLOWED BY QUICKSAND, OR LOSE A WHEEL...

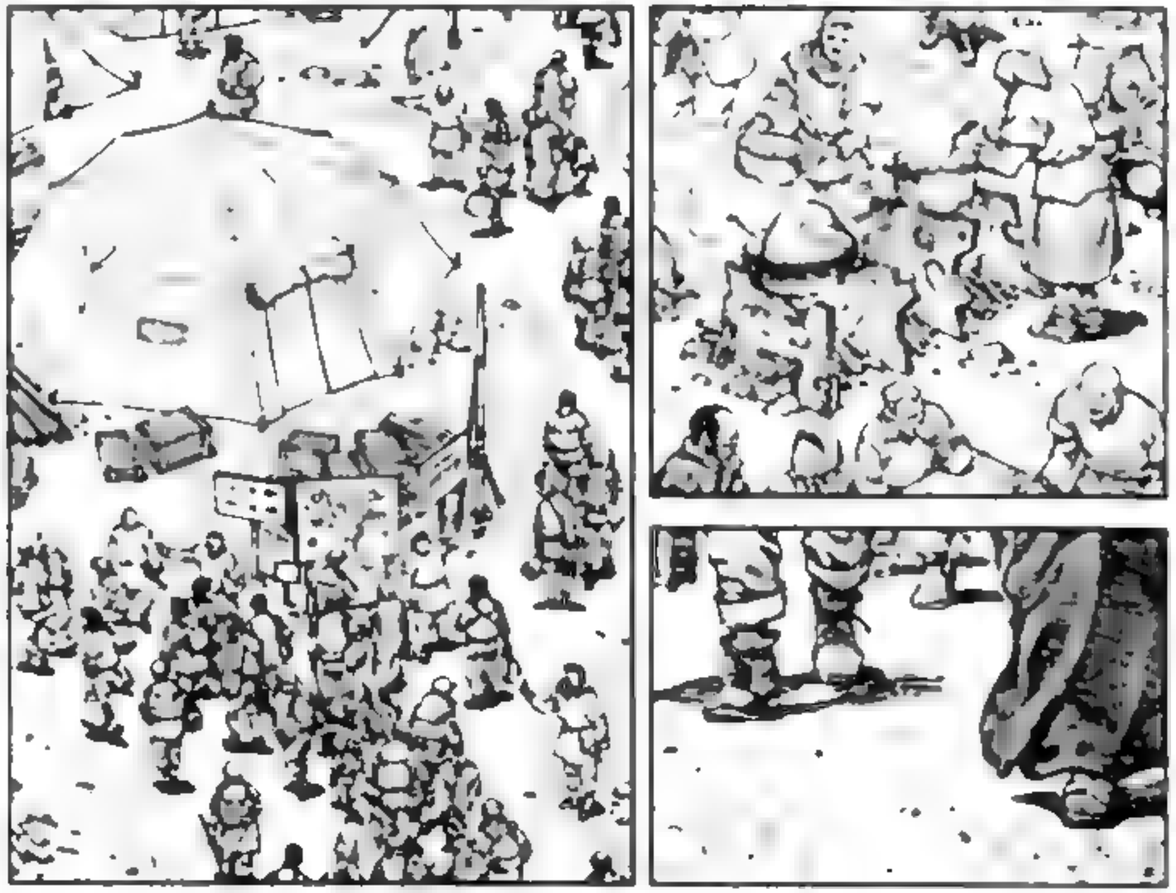
STOP TALKING AND GET MOVING!

YES, SIR!

CALL THE JEEP IN FRONT OF US!

I WANT IT TO CLEAR THE ROAD OF PEDESTRIANS, EVEN IF IT HAS TO USE FIREPOWER! GOT IT?

YES, CHIEF!



DEAR MOTHER EARTH COMRADES AFTER A LONG MARCH
HERE YOU ARE, AT THE PROMISED LAND!

WE'LL CREATE A NEW HISTORY FROM NOW ON!

THE WEAPONS YOU [illegible] YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY DURING YOUR YOUR TRIP ARE NO USE ANYMORE!

DID THEM [illegible] MY FRIENDS

I WILL CELEBRATE [illegible] THE [illegible] AND [illegible] THEM [illegible]

[illegible] IN [illegible] CAN'T YOU SEE I'M [illegible] BE ABLE TO [illegible] TO HEAVEN

THAT'S IT [illegible] SLAVES!

YOU'LL LEAVE WITH A LIGHT BODY AND A FREE MIND!

HA!! HA!!

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STP BACK!

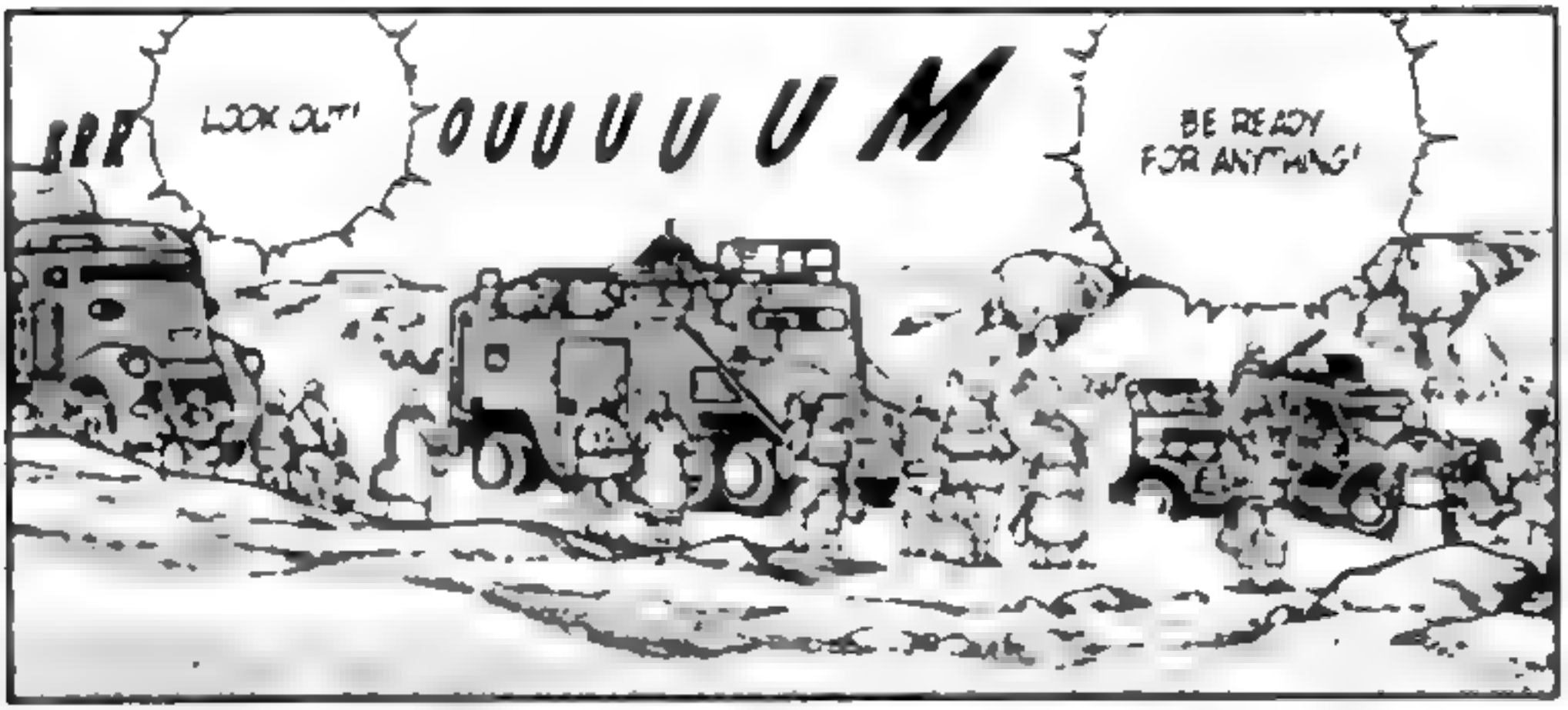
MOVE AWAY FROM THE BOMB OR YOU'LL BE SHOT!

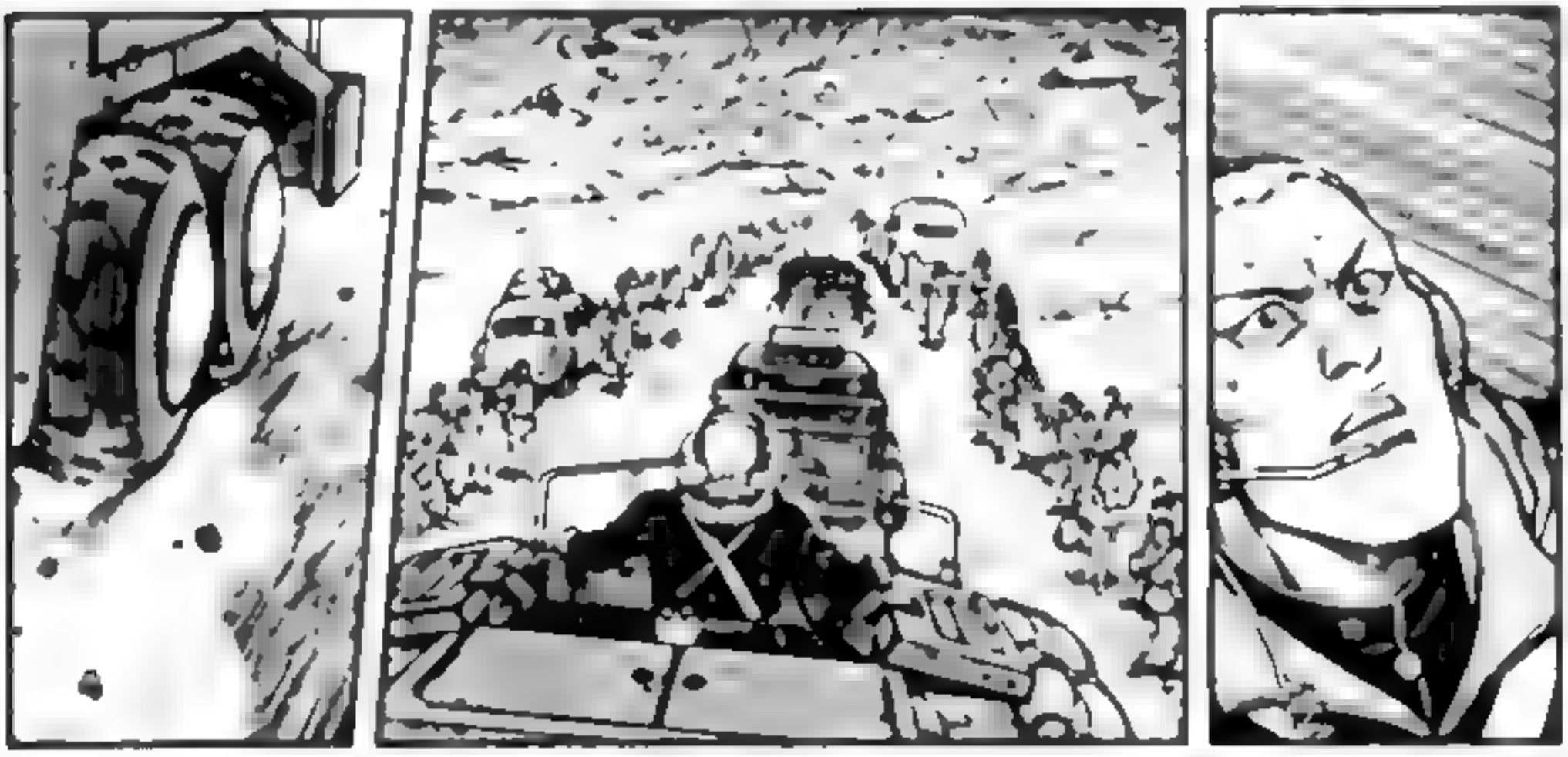
SHH SHH SHH

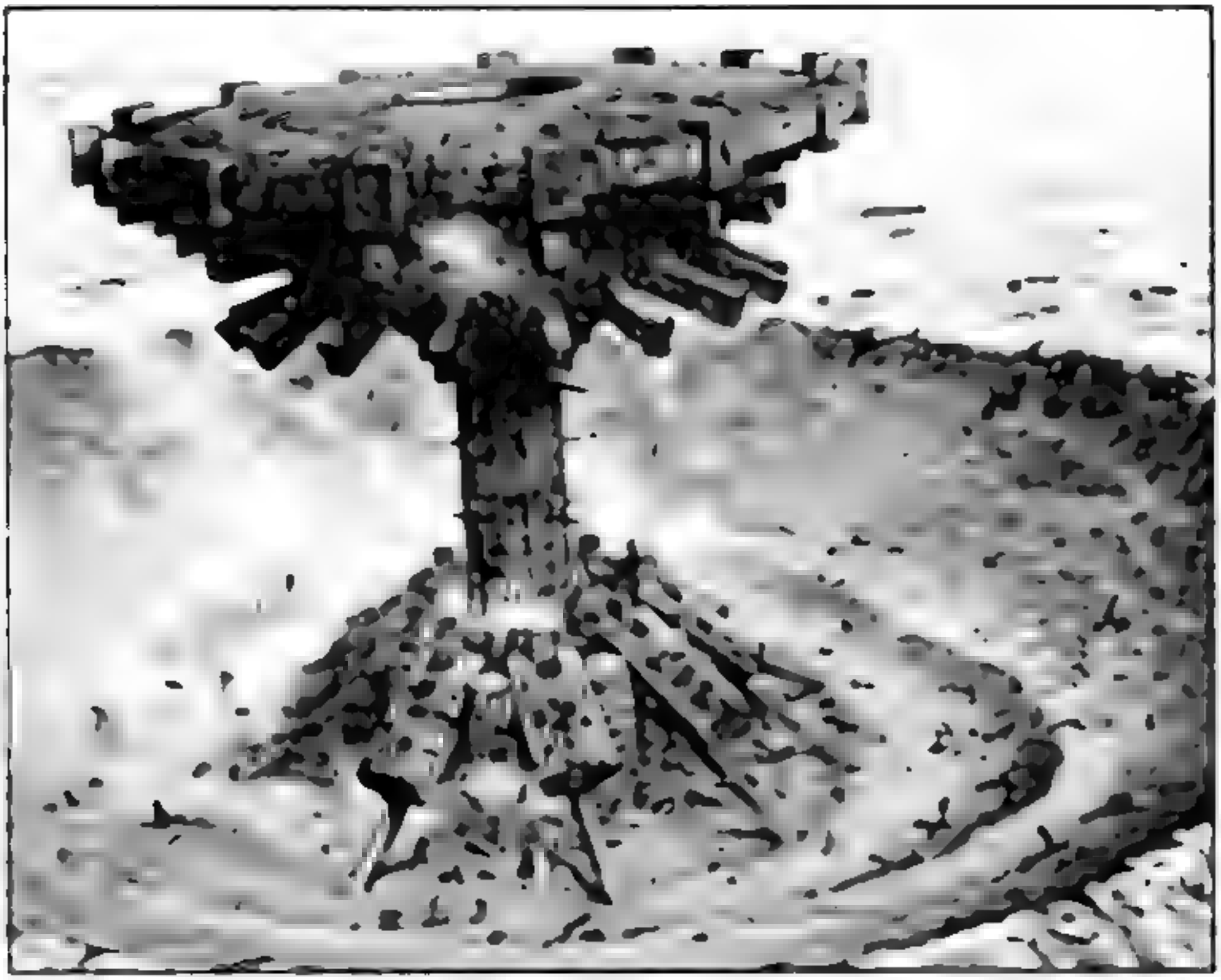
A-ZIZ HUH!

LET'S GO

BAM


LOOK OUT!
OUUUUUUM
BE READY FOR ANYTHING!

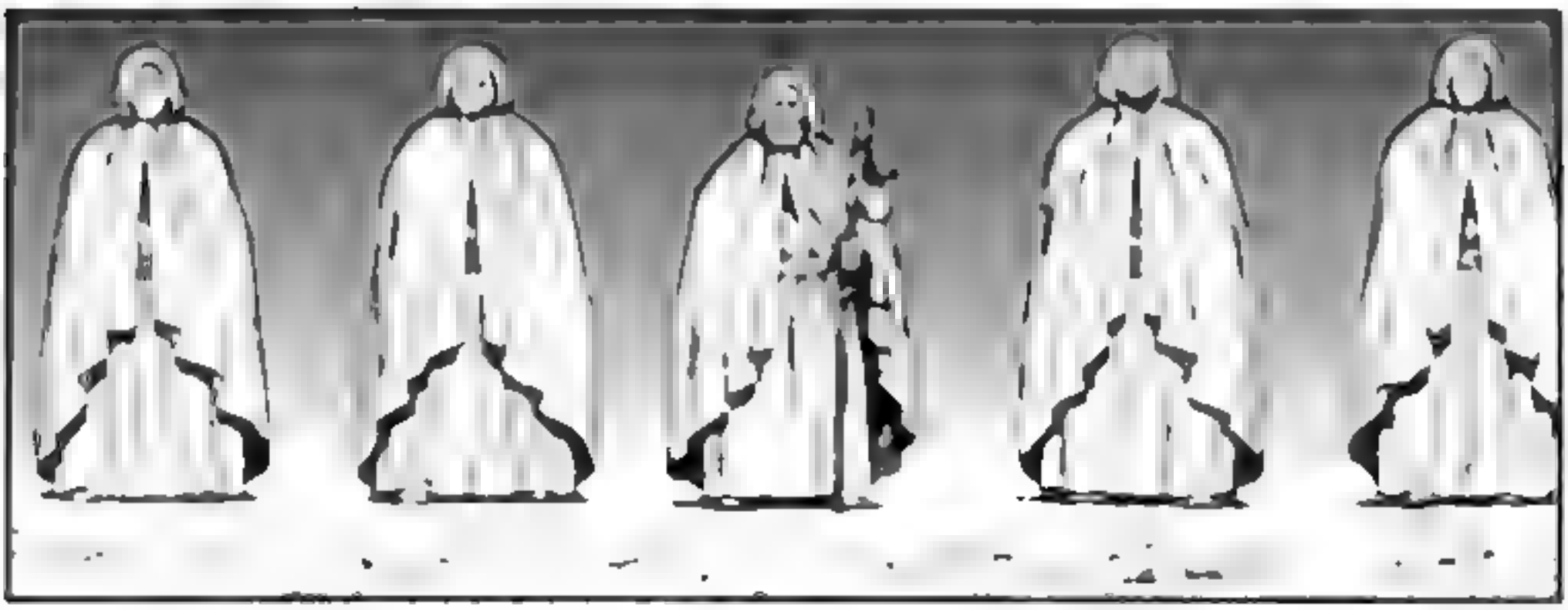




RUMM!

ERREM!

WHAT?



HAVE YOU ARRIVED?

AFFIRMATIVE. THE VIEW IS

WE CAN SEE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE TALKS ORDERED US TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE COLONIES.

ARE YOU INHABITANTS OF THE COLONY?

NO, WE'RE JUST THE WE-COMING BOARD

THOSE WHO CONDESCEND TO VISIT US

ARE THE ONES OVER THERE!

!

BWWW

BWWW

BLA BLA...

...

GASH!

ADAM

DA DA DAM

?!

WAIT! WEAPONS ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR MESSENGERS OF PEACE!

WE'RE BOTH FROM MOTHER EARTH, AREN'T WE?!

THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

THEY'RE ALL WEARING ARMOR...

WHAT?!

NO, THAT'S A HIGH-PRESSURE SPACE SUIT.

IT HELPS THEM TO GET ACCLIMATIZED TO THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE ON EARTH AND...

PAF

MOVE!

BROHHHA

BROHHHA

DAMN I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!

I'M TOMARU, CHIEF OF THE PATROL SENT BY THE PEACE TALKS.

I'M HERE TO ASK YOU FOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER YOUR MODULE, IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "INVESTIGATE"?

WHAT?

CONVEY THIS TO PRESIDENT BELGOURD:

ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO ALLOW YOU ACCESS TO OUR MODULE. HOWEVER, EACH AND EVERY ARMED REQUEST WILL BE PERCEIVED AS AN INSULT.

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE. FURTHER, WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE MEANS TO APPLY IT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING BY BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEACE TALKS?!

WE'RE READY TO TAKE MEASURES AGAINST THOSE WHO TRY TO DISTURB THE ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE!

HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT AFTER INVADING OUR TERRITORY!

...

SHH

?!

MY NAME IS ASSYRE.

I'M ONE OF THE TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

NEITHER WHAT WE DO, NOR THE PEOPLE HERE, AIM TO INTERFERE.

OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO CREATE ENDLESS PEACE ON EARTH.

I ALSO ADVISE YOU THAT TERRANS, THAT MEANS YOU, CANNOT ADJUST TO THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AND THE OXYGEN SATURATION OF OUR MODULE. SO, IF YOU TRY TO ENTER WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, YOU'D NOT ONLY PUT THE COLONY'S MEMBERS BUT ALSO YOURSELVES IN DANGER.

AND I REALLY CANNOT LET YOU DO THAT.

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HOW MANY ARE YOU?

AND WHAT MEANS FOR SELF-DEFENSE DO YOU HAVE, ASSYRE?

WE'RE EQUIPPED WITH SUITS THAT PROTECT AGAINST BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.

IF YOU LET US PROCEED WITH OUR INVESTIGATION, IT'LL REDUCE...

THE DISTANCE TO PEACE BY A LOT, DON'T YOU THINK?

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DAMN... DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT...

YOUR DICTATORIAL ATTITUDES PREVENT PACIFICATION?

GNN!

TAKE CONTROL OF THE BRIDGE!

SHHH NK!

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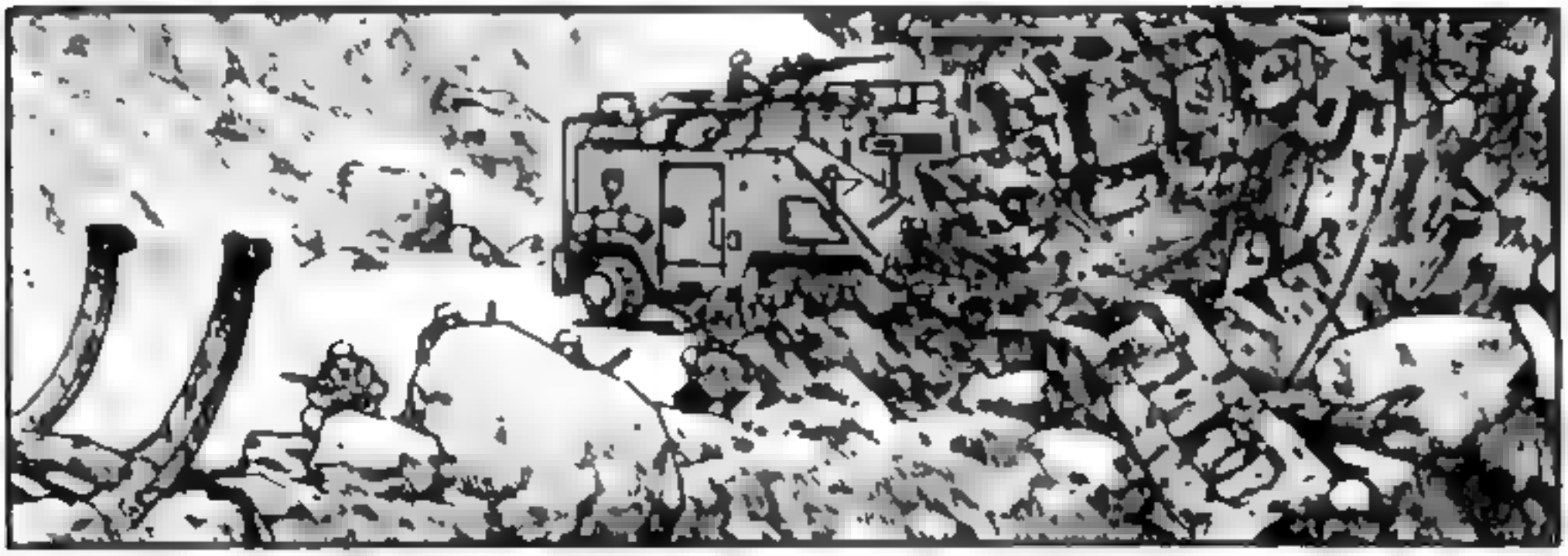
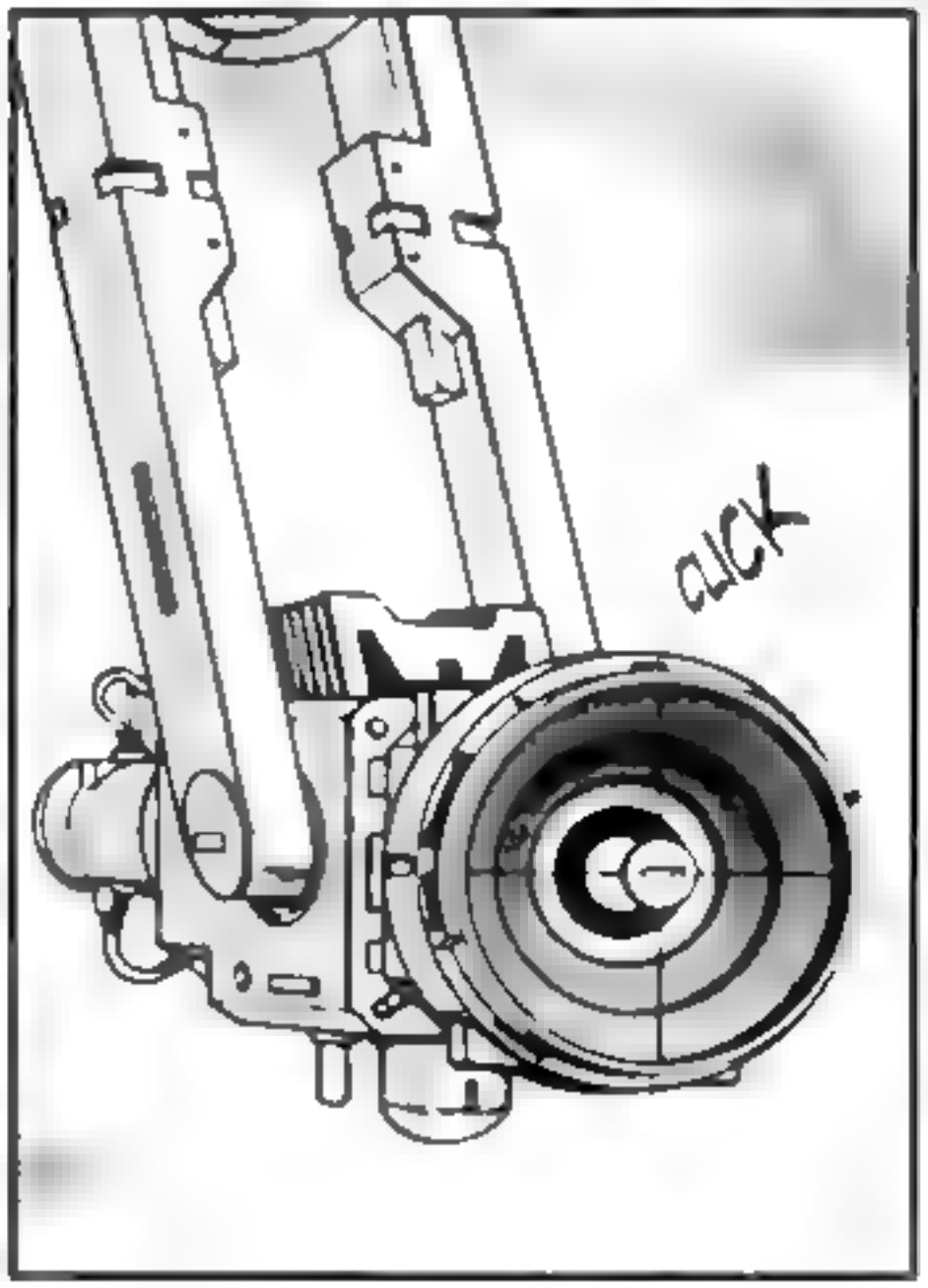


YES, THEY'RE THERE!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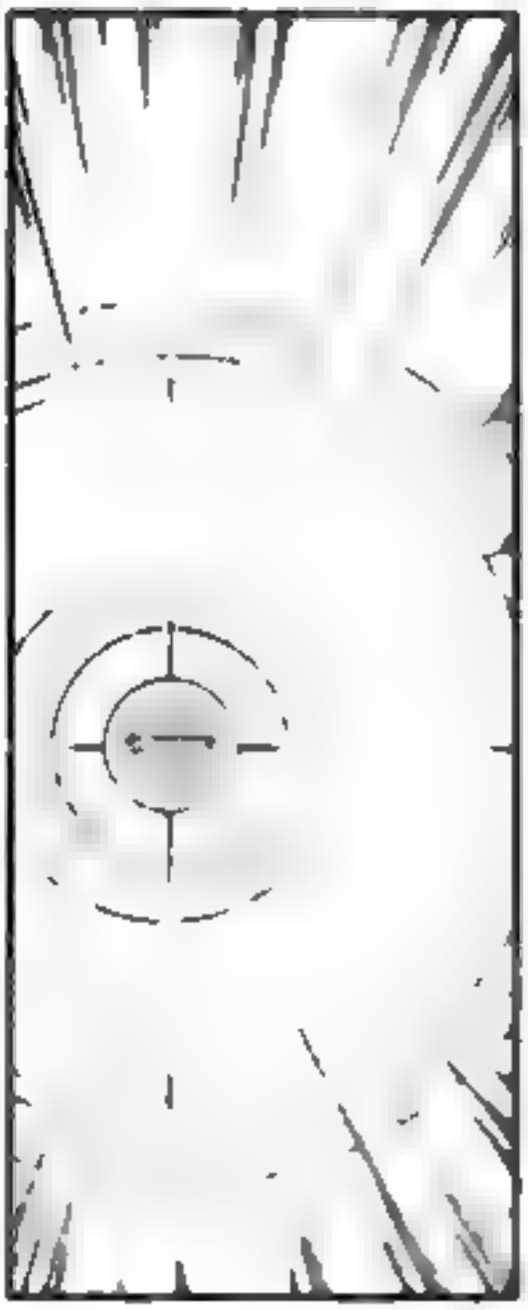

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WHAT THE HELL IS THAT NOISE?!

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LISTEN! WE OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS TOGETHER...

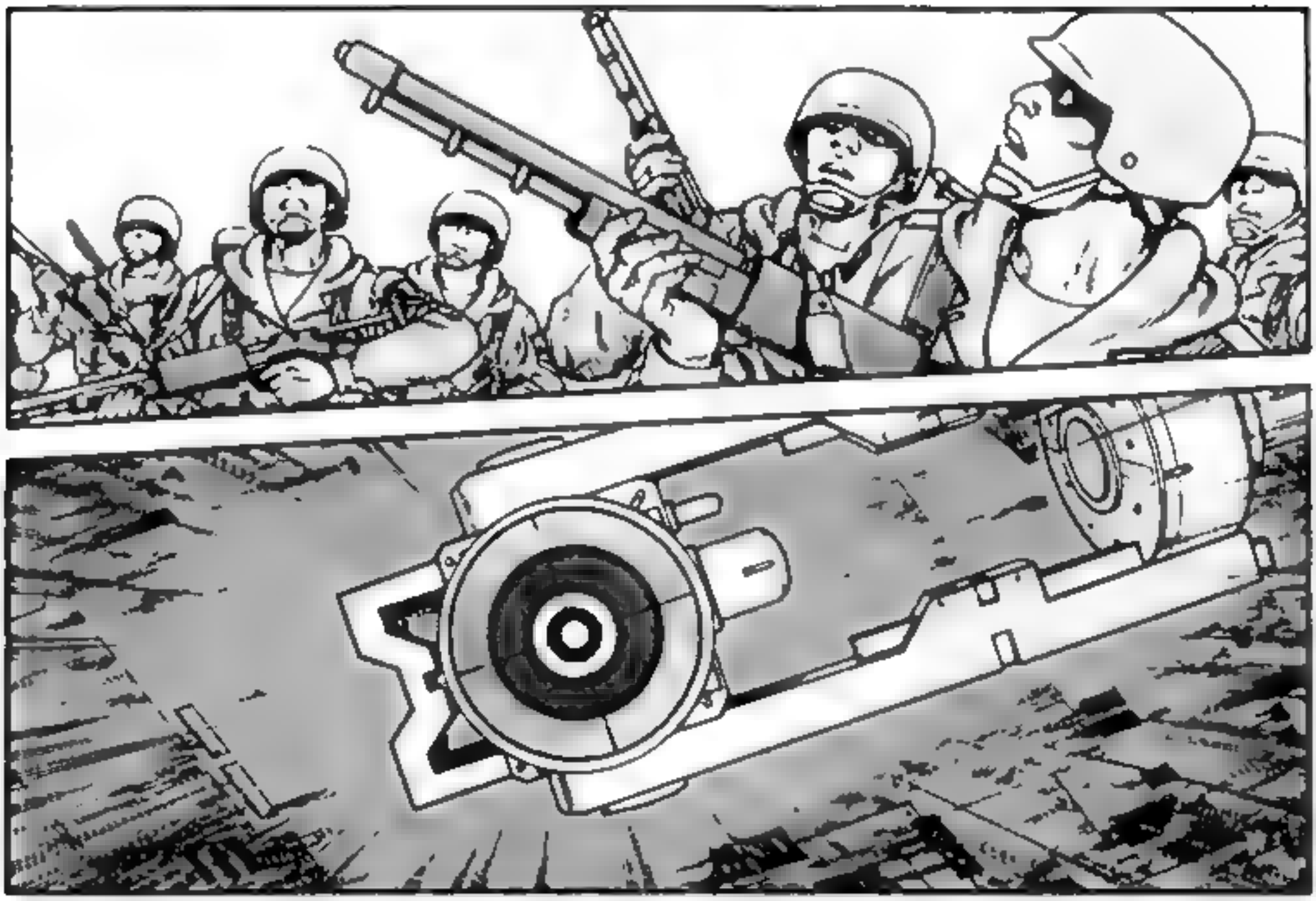
THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE WE GIVE PRESIDENT BELGOURD!

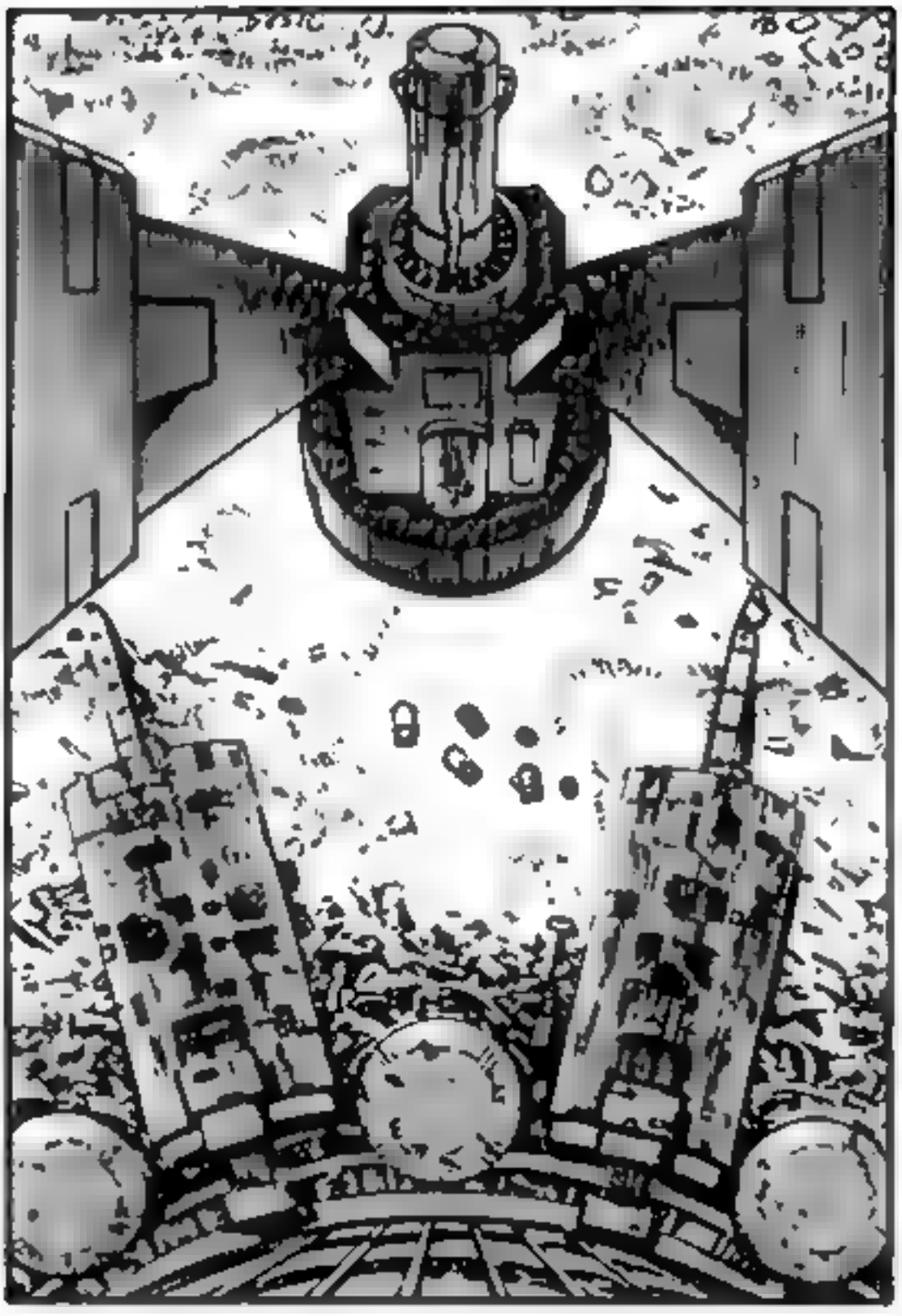
OH!

BRAK

BRAK

STOP! LOOK ABOVE!





I SEE YOU'RE REALLY SPECIAL PACIFIERS.

WELL!
WE'LL LEAVE FOR TODAY

BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'LL BE BACK!

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BRROUUUU

IT'S KINDA SURPRISING THERE'S STILL A LASER CANNON.

I HEARD THAT THE ALIENS HAVE THAT GUN IN AN EARTHLY ATMOSPHERE

IT'S ORALS THEY'RE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE US

A WHOLE TEAM HAS BEEN DISINTEGRATED BY THAT ALIEN WEAPON

FLAP

CHAC

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KLOW!

BANG

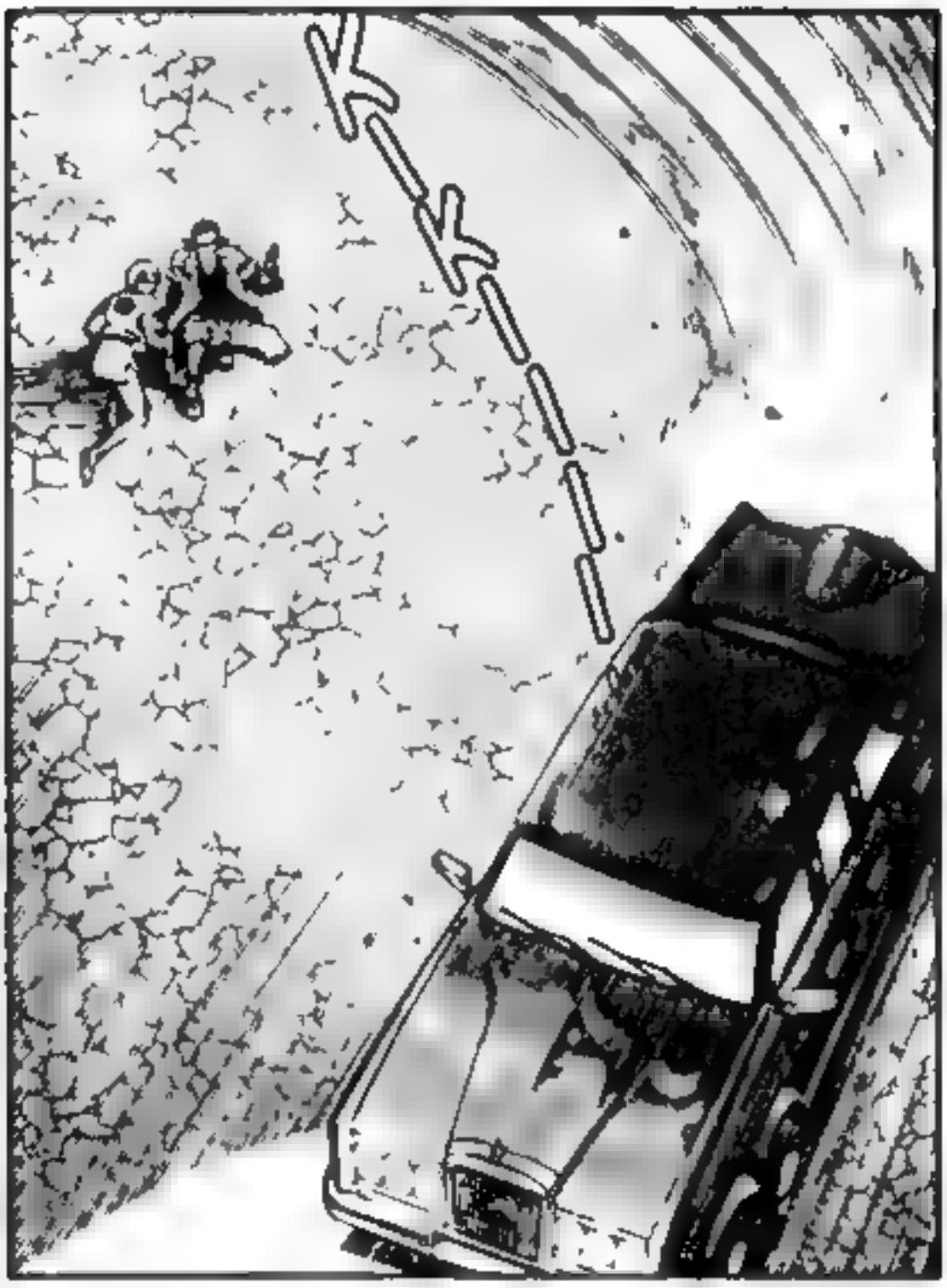
CRAK

COME ON, DRIVE!

TCHAC

VRROOM

DADADA



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NOOOOOO!

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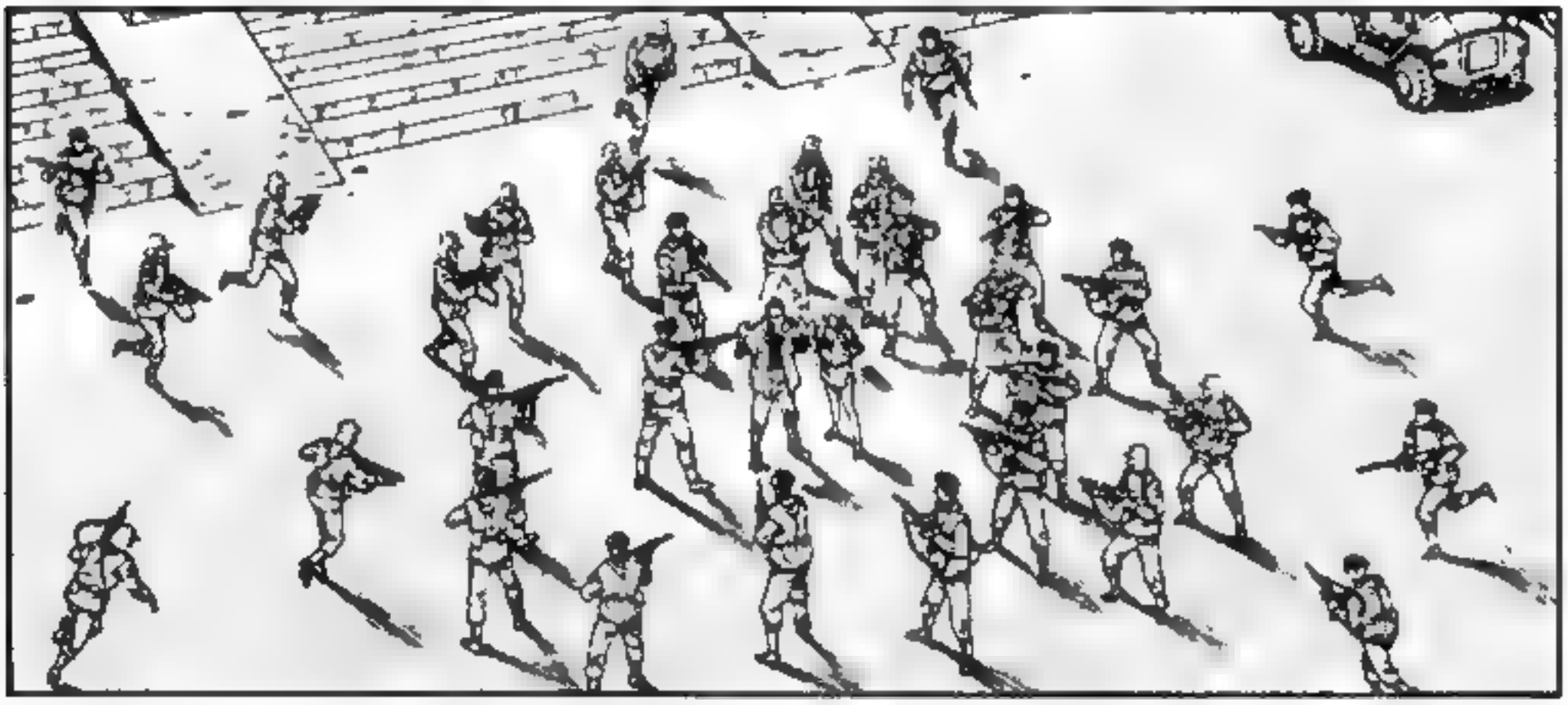

...SO, ONCE AGAIN...

TELL ME YOUR NAME!

HA... RA... TO...

SWAP

WHEN THE HARATO BURST INTO PARLIAMENT...

I WAS THERE!

I DON'T REMEMEBER YOUR FACE...

...

THE HARATO I LOOKED AT...

HAD A LOT MORE PENETRATING EYES!

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE HIM!

SLAM

BAD

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

SHLAP

HE'S JUST A FAN OF HARATO, THAT'S ALL!

HE DREAMS ABOUT BECOMING JUST LIKE HIM...

FOREVER!

HEY... SHUT UP...

SHUT THE FUCK UP...

HEY GIRL, YOU WORK AT THE CUPID BROTHEL, DON'T YOU?

WHERE WERE YOU BEFORE?

MAYBE SHE WAS A GROUPIE OF HARATO!

IN THAT CASE....

HE MAY BE ONE OF THEM.

HEY! THEY ALL DIED AT ULKS, TRUST ME...

EVEN IF THERE WERE SURVIVORS, THEY'D JUST BE SMALL FRY.

PFFT!

YOU'VE GOT NERVE TO CALL YOURSELF HARATO.

ANYWAY, THAT FOOL TRIED TO KILL THE PRESIDENT!

HE'LL BE SENTENCED TO DEATH, OR IMPRISONED FOR LIFE IF HE'S LUCKY ...

HE'S NOT AWARE OF WHAT HE'S DOING BECAUSE OF DRUGS...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, I BEG OF YOU.

WELL... THE JAIL IS FULL FOR A YEAR...

IT'S A REAL MESS, FULL OF CRAP.

...THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO SHOOT HIM.

GODON.

THIS ONE IS REALLY EASY, WE ONLY NEED A BULLET, BUT...

WE CAN'T DO IT UNTIL WE GET THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT, ELSE WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE.

EVEN IF HE'S JUST A JUNKIE CLAIMING TO BE HARATO, WE HAVE TO ARREST HIM...

WE NEVER HAVE ANY SPARE TIME.

WE CAN MAKE AN AMICABLE ARRANGEMENT IF YOU WANT...

HEY CUTIE ...

DO YOU HAVE ANYTH NG WORTH NEGOTIATING OVER?

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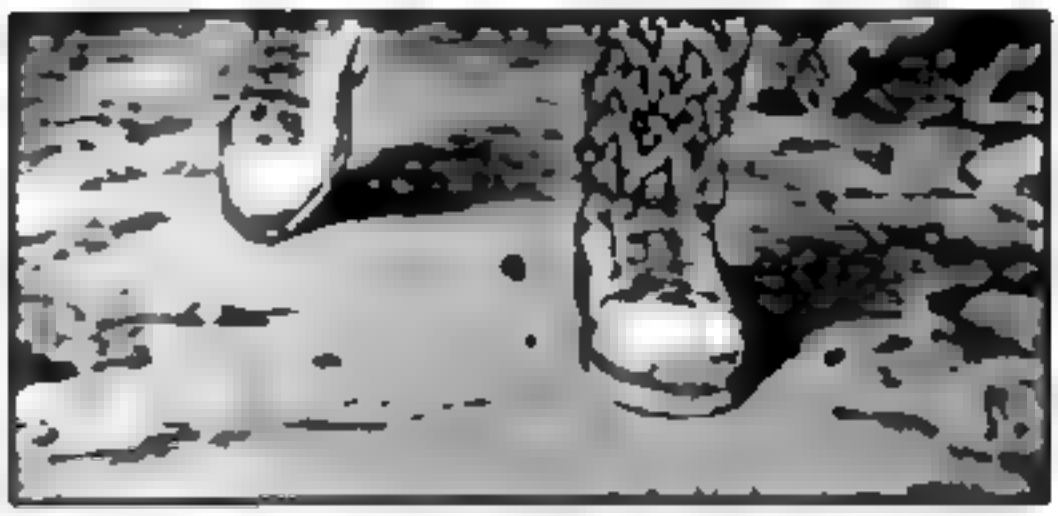
GWAP!

SHAK



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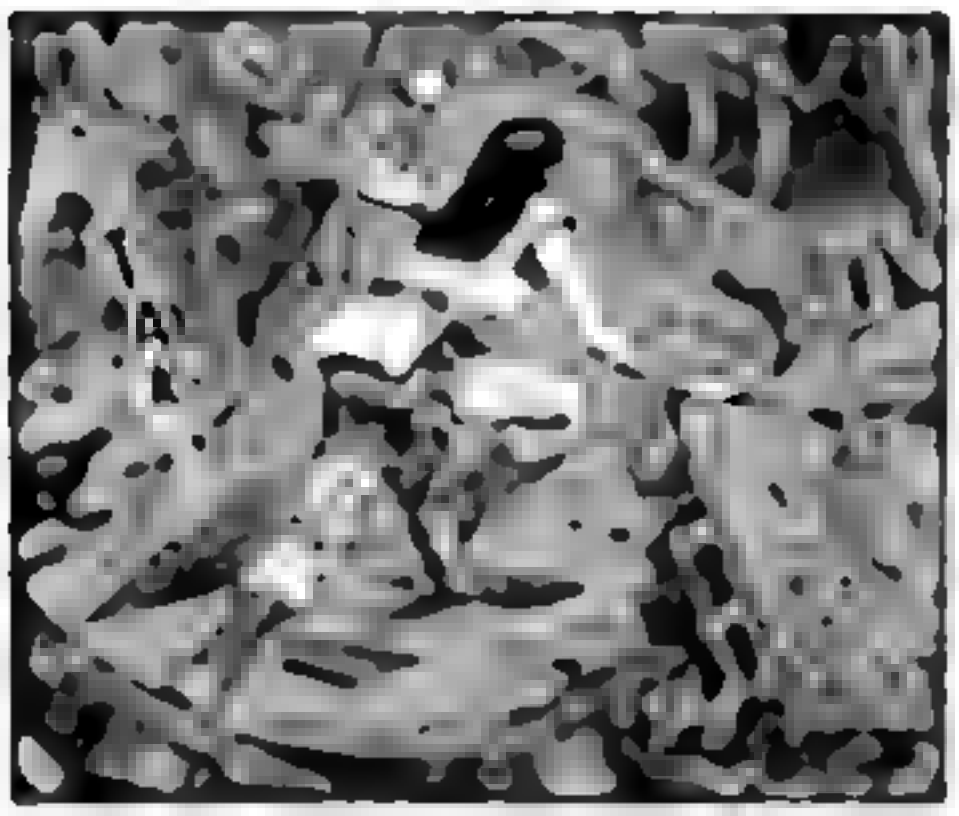

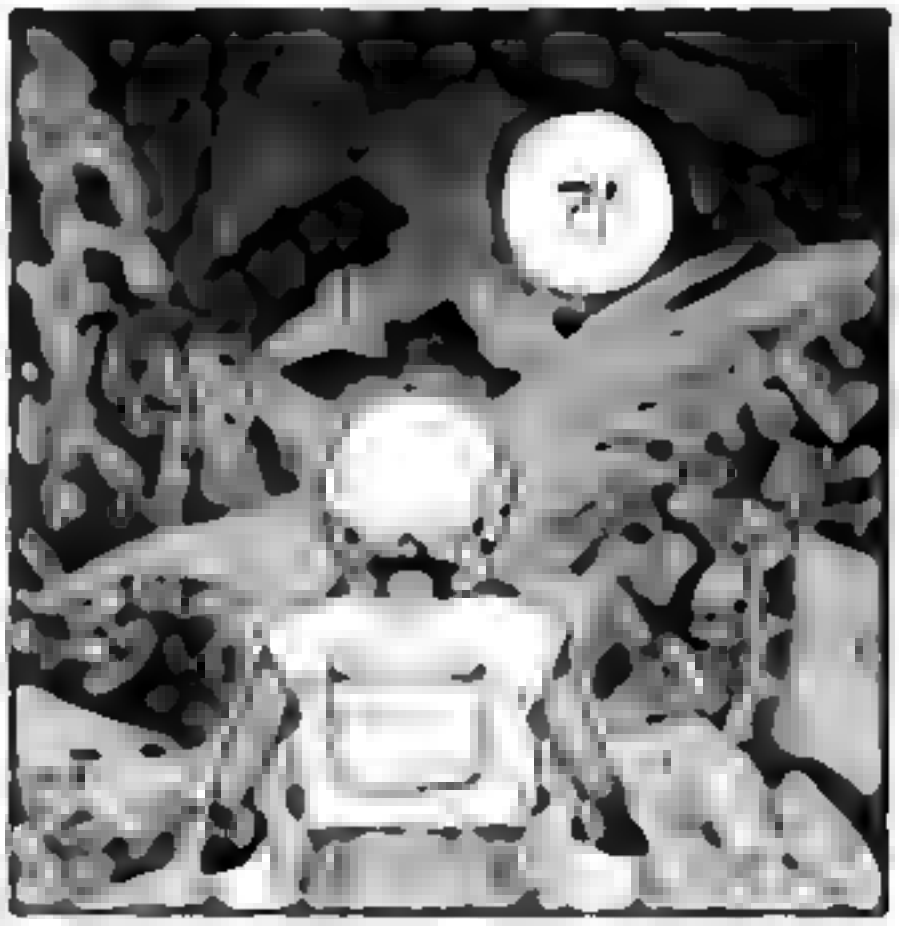
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I HOPE SHE'S NOT INSIDE!

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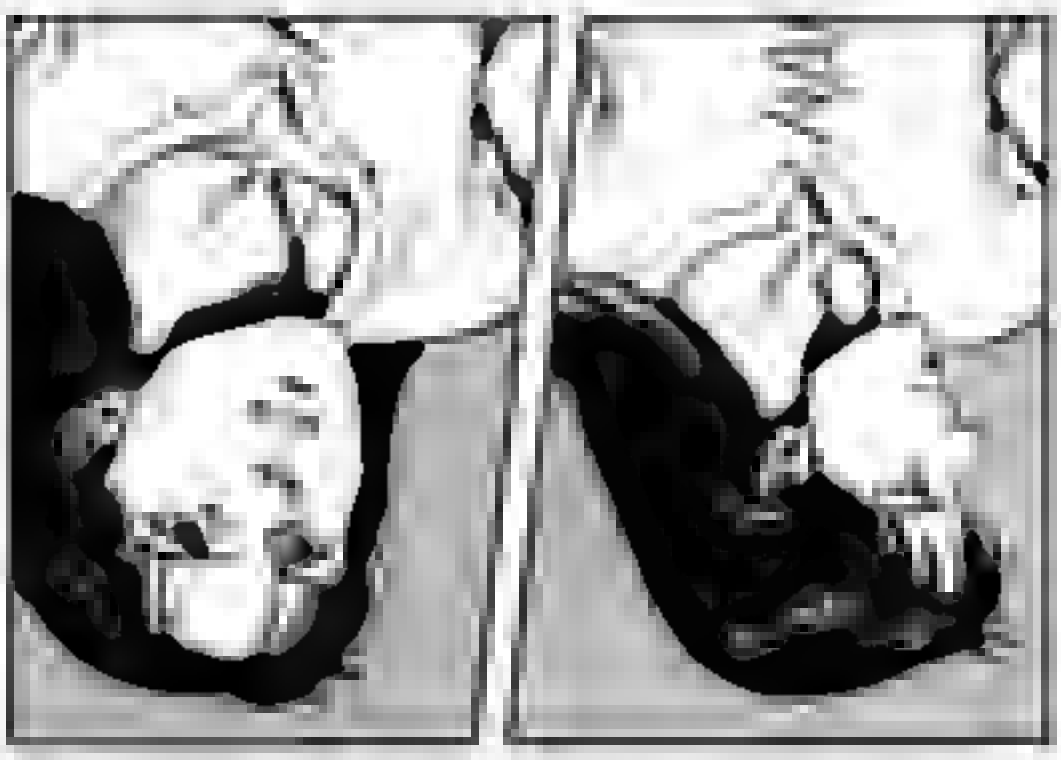
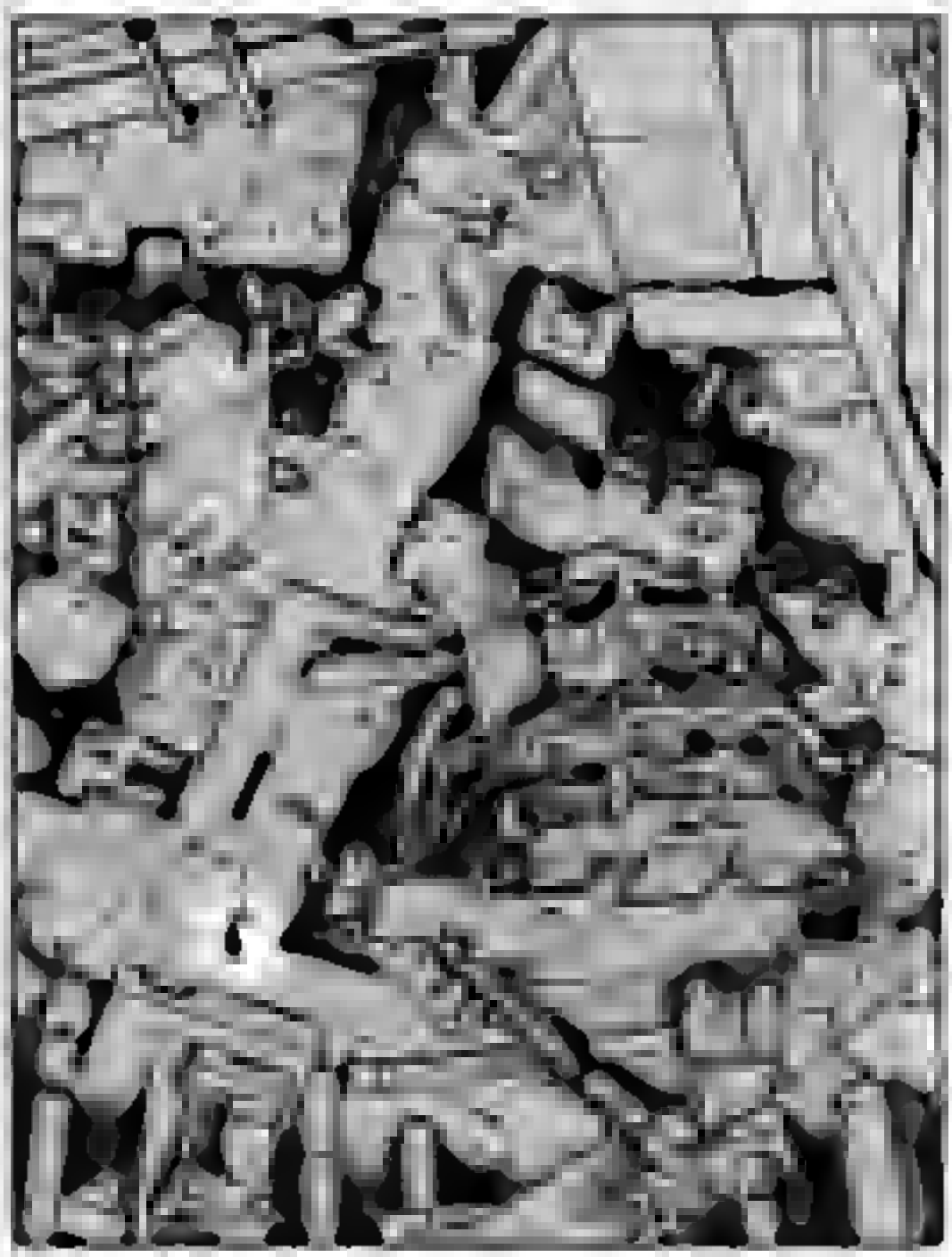
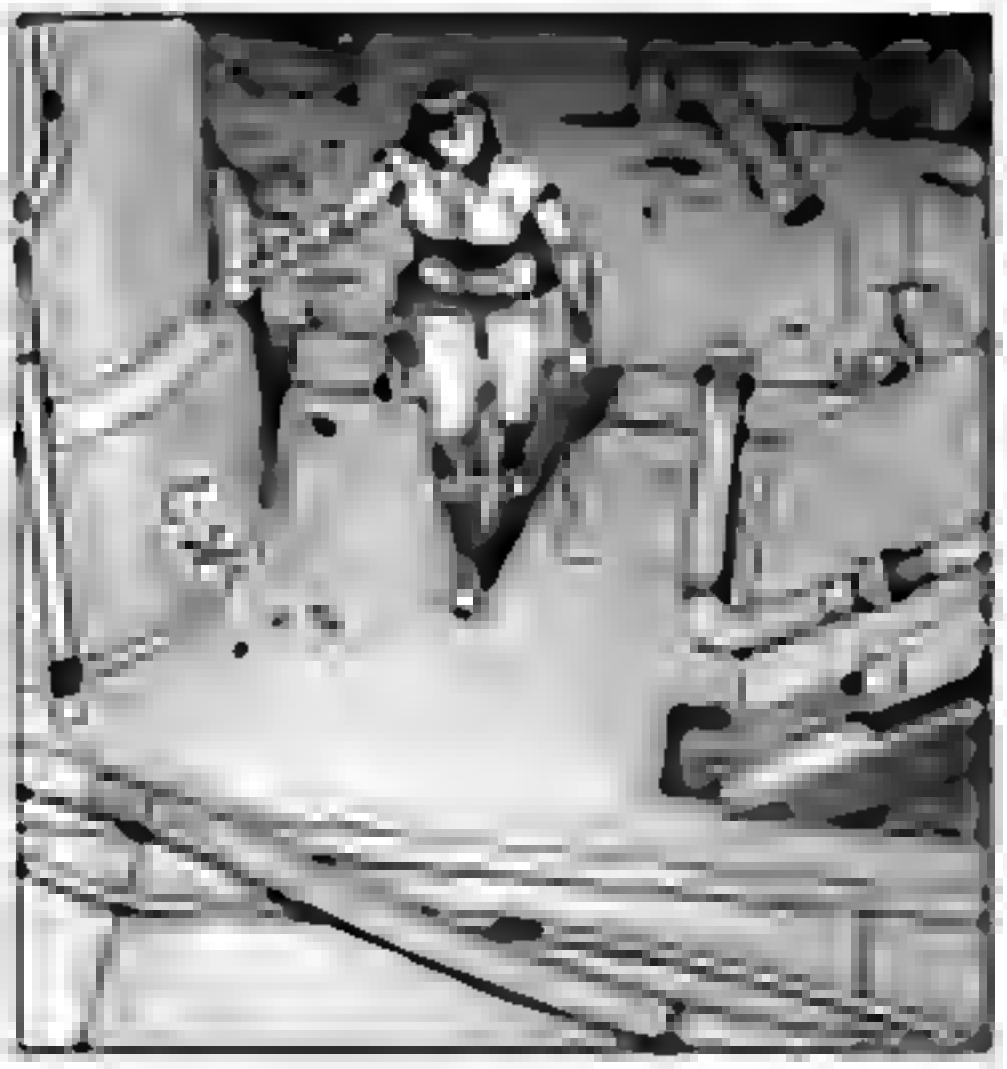
BLAM TRAC

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?!

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO DIE...
...
YOU WERE OUR...
AND MY IDOL...
IF I DIDN'T DO THAT...
YOU WOULD'VE BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM ME, AM I RIGHT?
YOU KILLED ME!
FROM NOW ON, HARATO IS DEAD...







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DAMN

GO ON

GO ON

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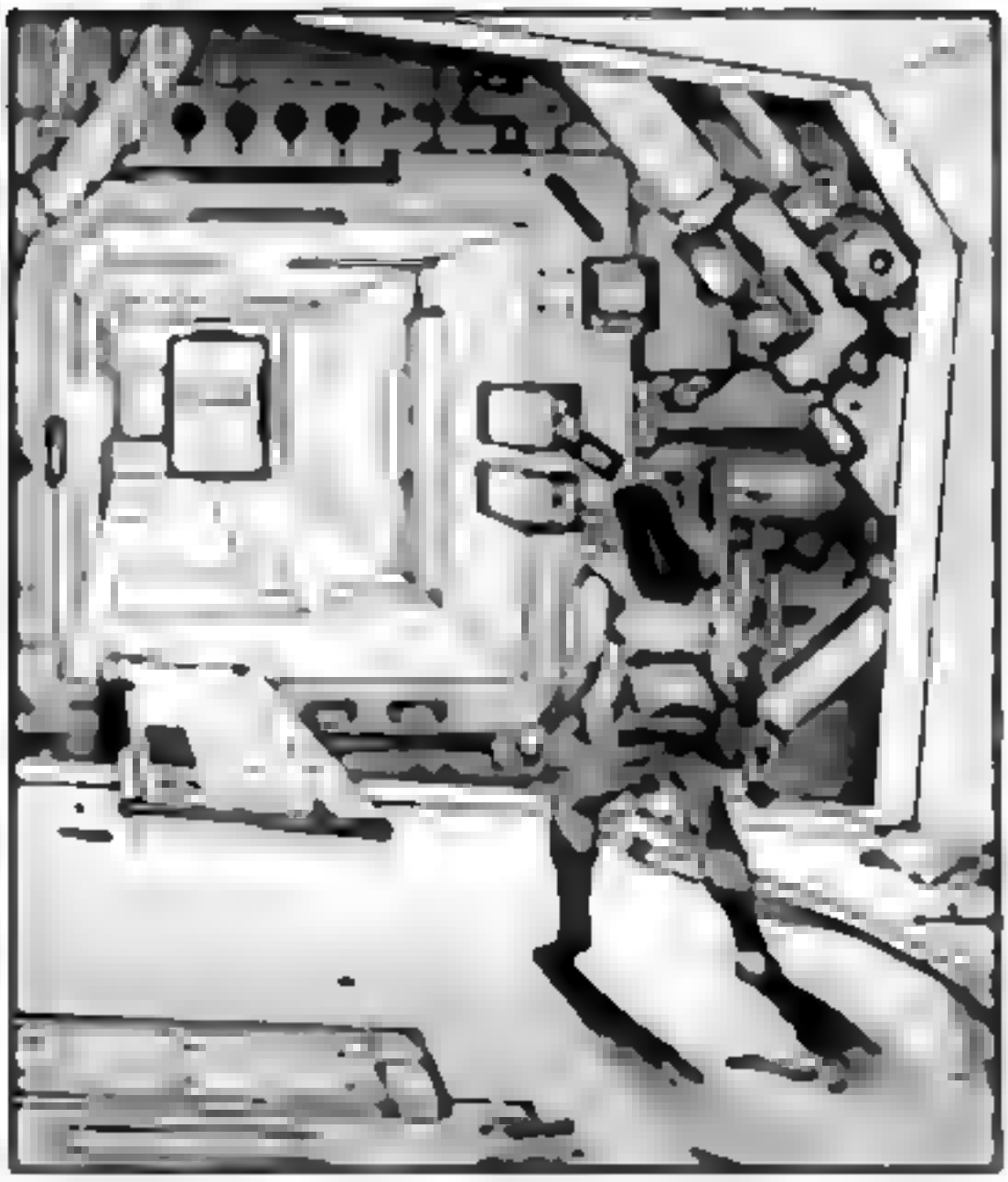
IS THIS BECAUSE OF THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE?



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NO MISTAKE!

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SARAH HARATO SATOKO TSUMURI KAZUKI

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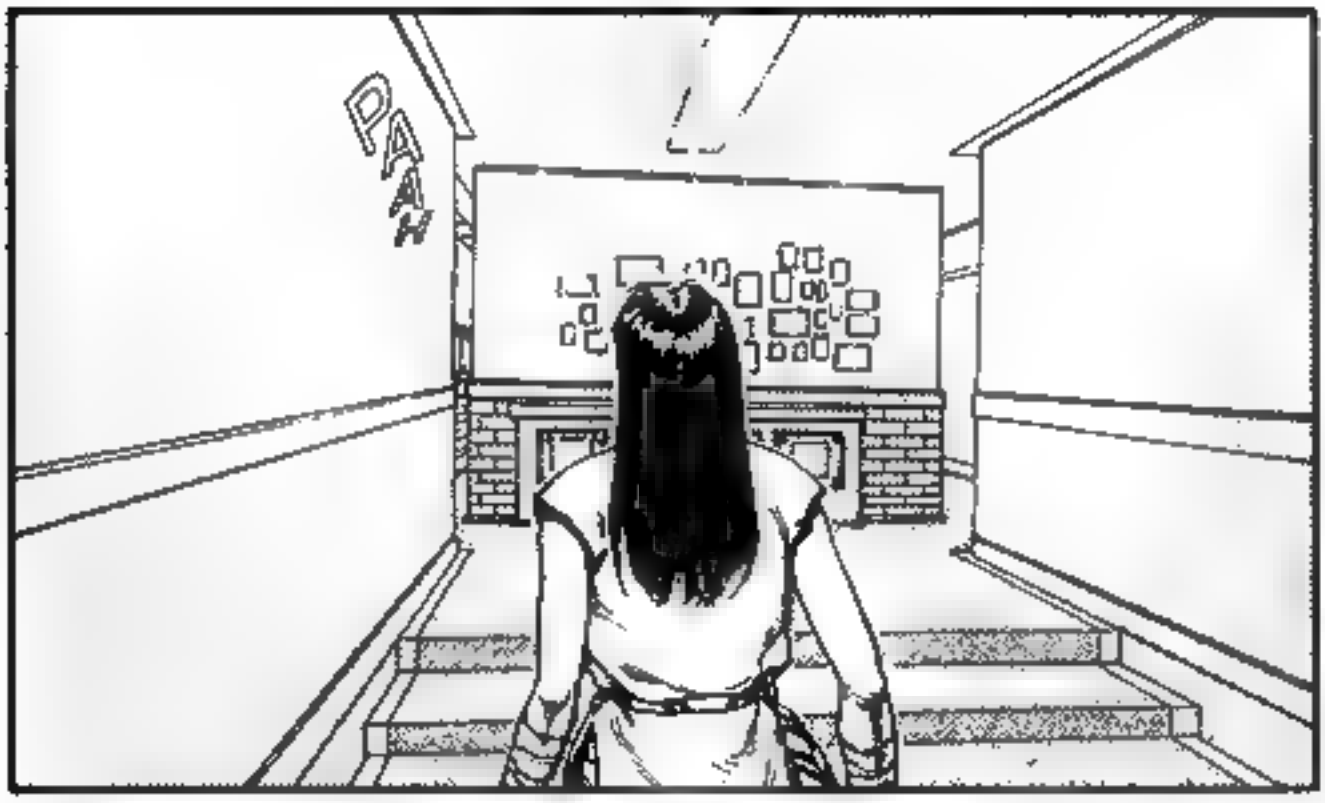
LIGHT!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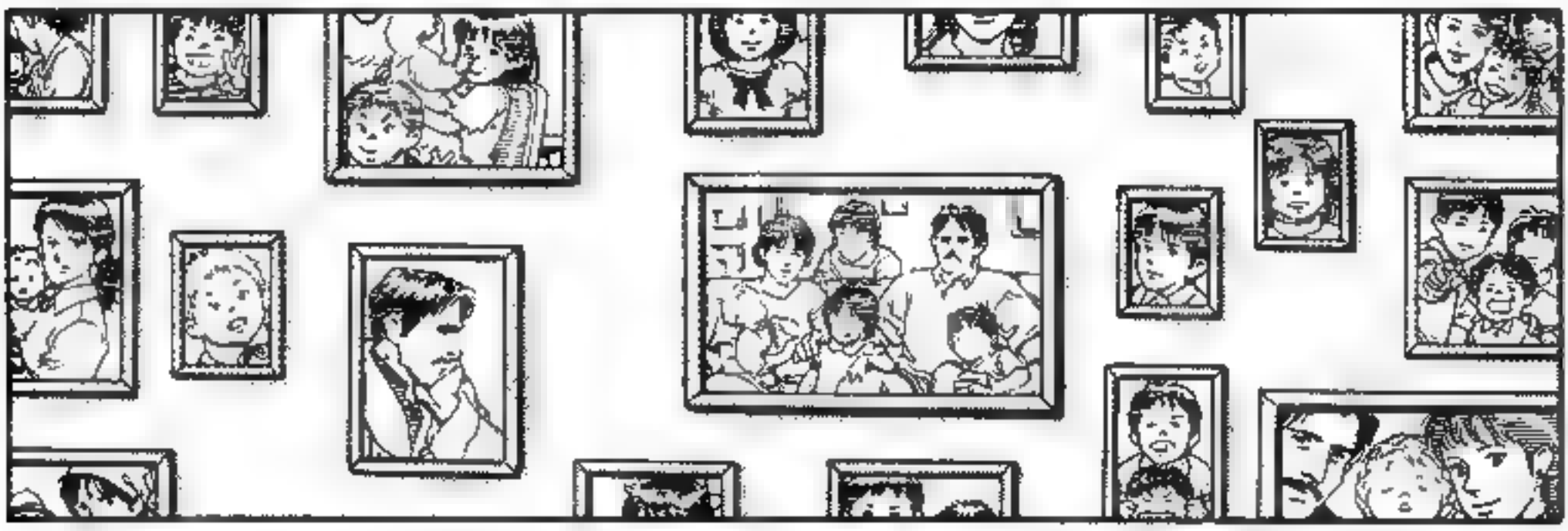

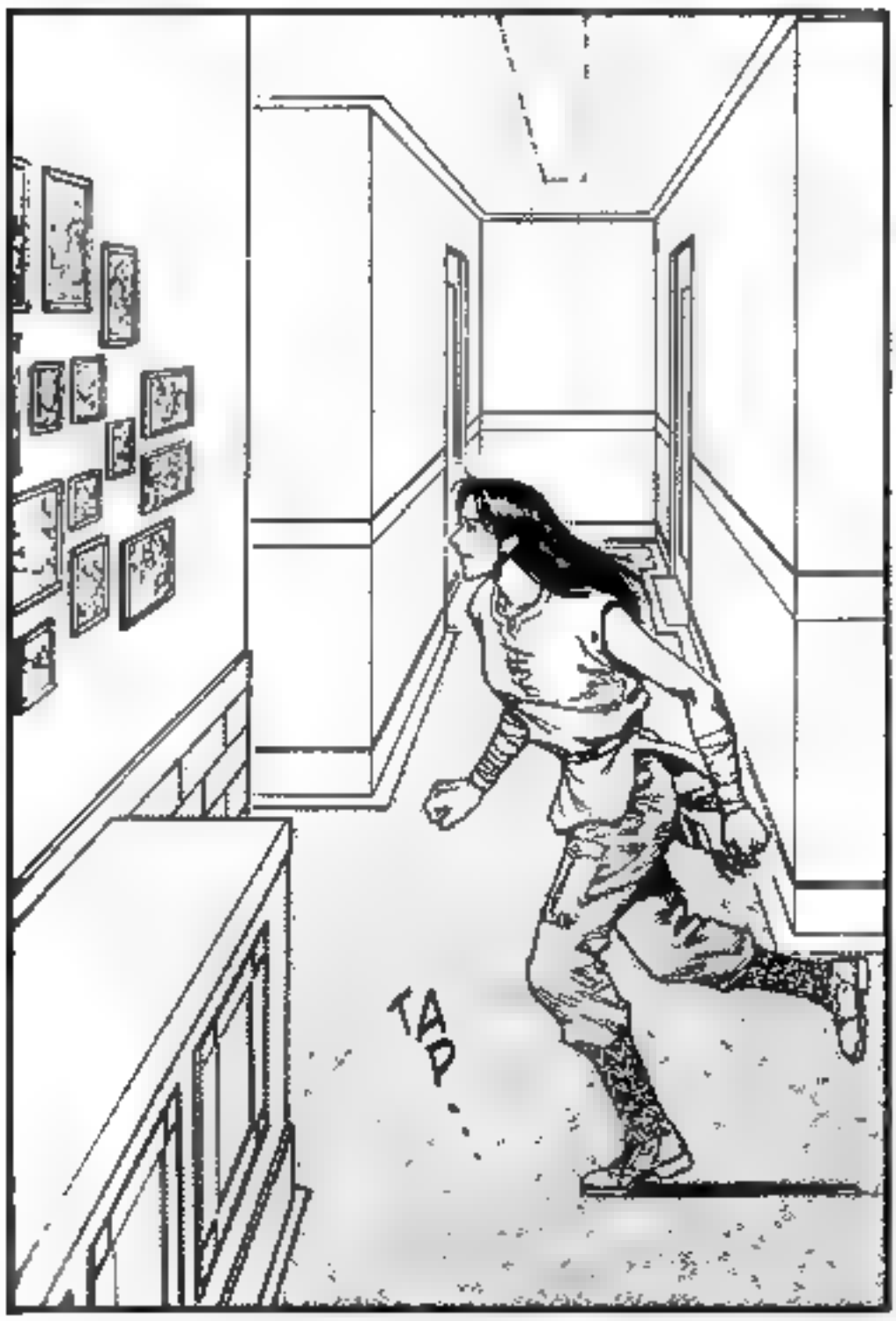
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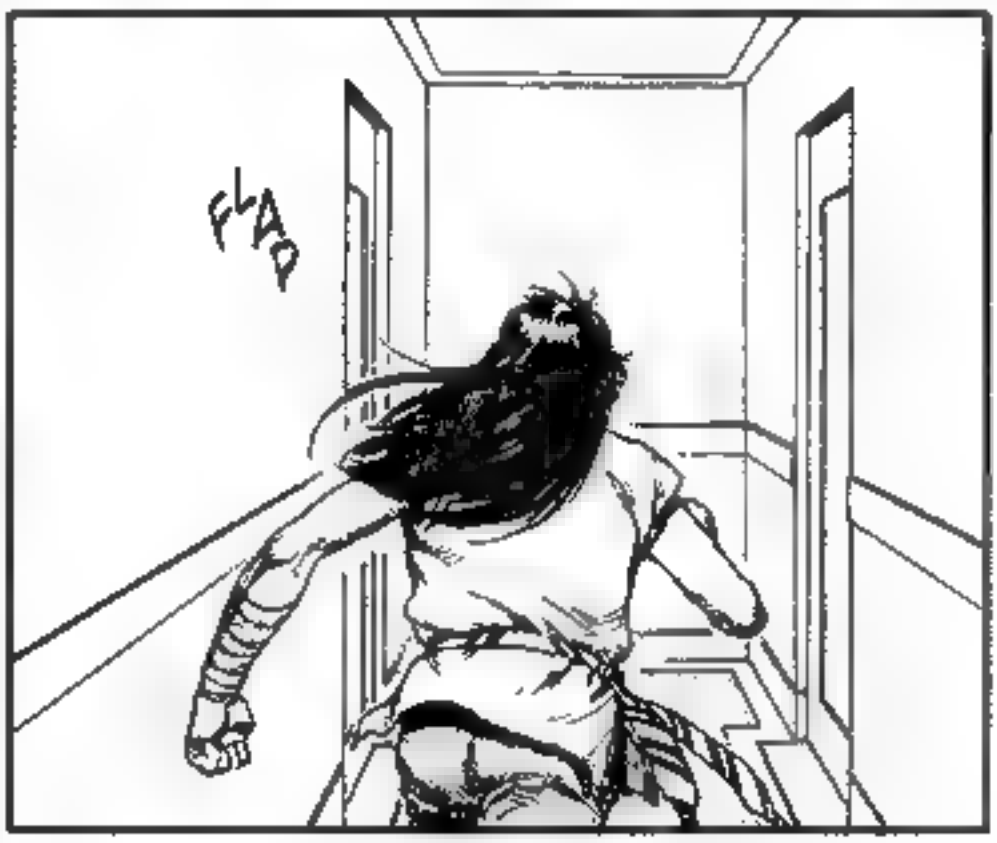
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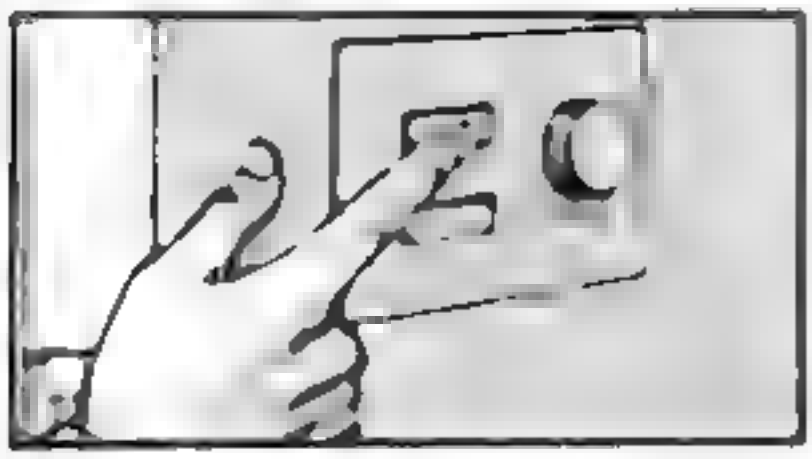
CRAC



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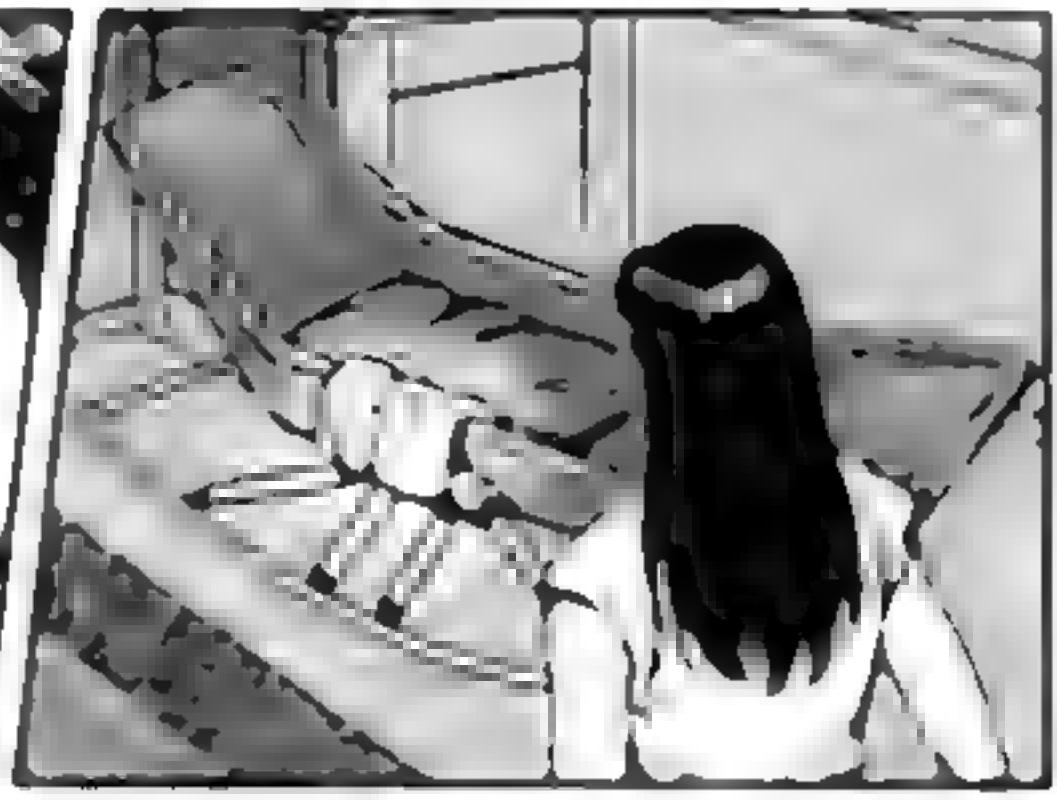

CRAC

KAZUKI

OH...

SWIP

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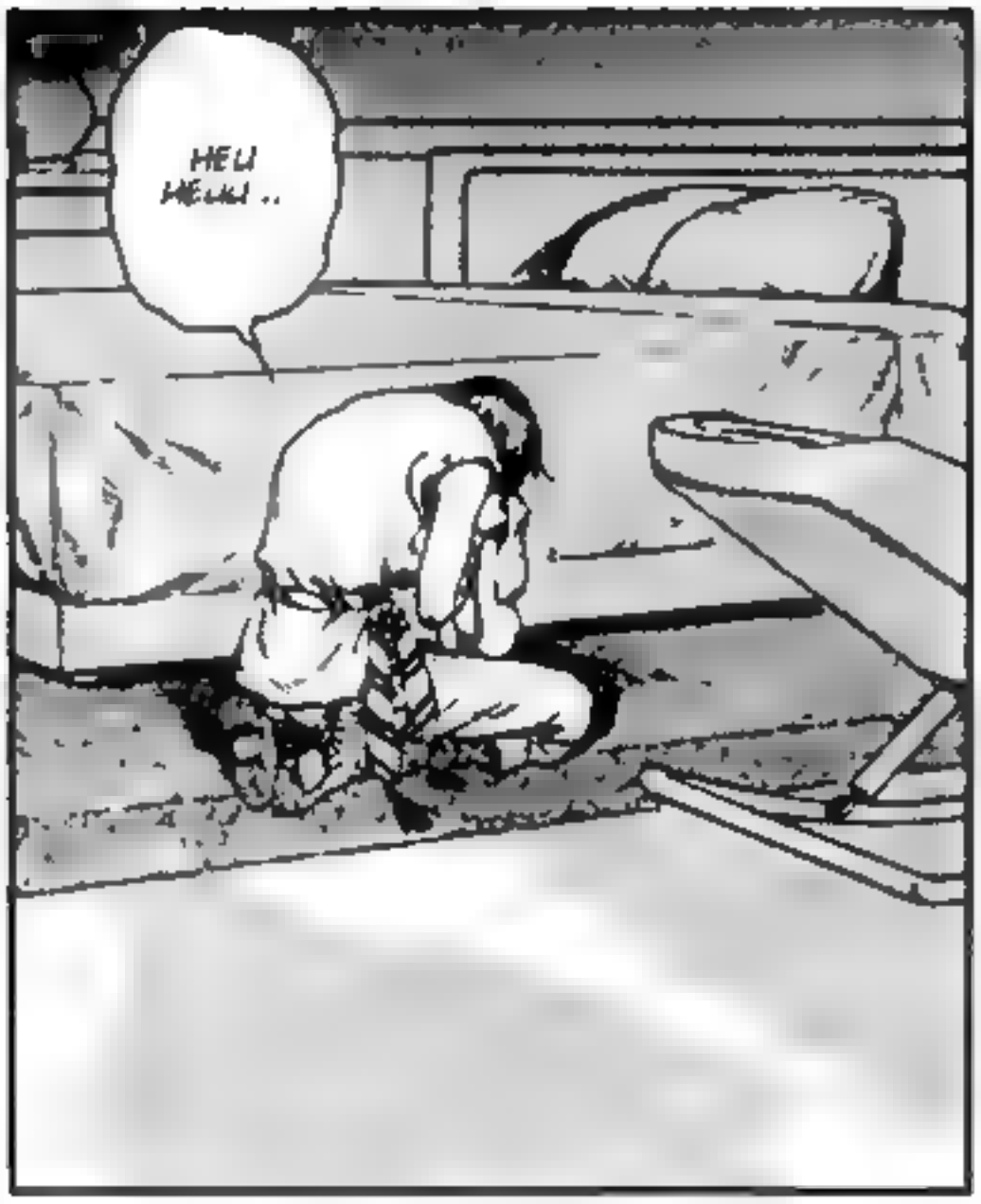
ME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SARAH...
IS THAT YOU, SARAH?

!

BUT...
BARD?!

I THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD NEVER COME...

SHE

IT'S... IT'S YOU, BARD?!

12 ME

YOU FINALLY CAME BACK...

YOU SURVIVED ALL THOSE YEARS OF SEPARATION.

FLAC

SA... SARAH!

TCHAC

HAA HAA

SHIT...

HAA

HAA

NOT ONLY ISN'T THERE... ENOUGH OXYGEN...

FHH

FHH

THERE ISN'T ENOUGH AIR PRESSURE

I HOPE SARAH IS OKAY.

HAA

ANYWAY ...

I GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE.

ELSE, I'M GONNA DIE...

THAT SUCKS ...